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Instructions: Use clues and information from *1849: The California Gold Rush* and what you already know to make inferences and draw conclusions about the events in the book.

Text	+	Prior Knowledge	=	Inference

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Instructions: Write the correct verb in the space provided.

1. Four days later, Marshall went to _____ (show, showed) John Sutter, who owned the mill.

2. Everyone agreed to _____ (kept, keep) the secret: gold had been discovered in California.

3. In 1848, the world _____ (was, were) very different from today.

4. Sam Brannan _____ (fill, filled) a bottle with gold dust and _____ (run, ran) through the streets yelling about the discovery.

5. Placer mining _____ (work, works) because gold is much heavier than gravel.

6. The shiny gold flakes _____ (stays, stayed) at the bottom of the pan.

7. Enslaved people _____ (were, was) sometimes forced to work mining California gold.

8. About half of the forty-niners _____ (decides, decided) to go by ship.

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Instructions: Choose the correct definition for the boldface word in each sentence and write the letter on the line.

BOLDFACE WORDS

_____ 1 California **taxed** miners who came from other countries, such as China.

_____ 2 **Erosion** had long ago washed the metal down the mountains into the rivers.

_____ 3 **Rumors** soon reached the eastern states about gold out West.

_____ 4 Even worse dangers facing forty-niners came from disease, **starvation**, and accidents.

_____ 5 Prospectors stood in rivers and shoveled **gravel** into their pans.

_____ 6 It took longer for immigrants to arrive by boat from Asia, Australia, and South America, and for **settlers** to cross the United States.

_____ 7 California now has a huge **economy**.

_____ 8 White settlers, the U.S. government, and **wealthy** people came out on top after the Gold Rush.

a. a state of extreme hunger or dying because of a lack of food

b. the natural removal of rock or soil by water, wind, or ice

c. having a large amount of money or possessions

d. stories passed from person to person that have not been proven true

e. collected a fee to pay for government services, operations, or functions

f. a loose mixture of rock fragments

g. the movement of money in a country or area

h. people who make a new permanent home on a frontier

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