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Assignment # _____

Answer the following questions
as you watch the video.

The Rush For Gold

Video Notes



It's OK to write on this

1. What was California like before the Gold Rush?
2. Where did John Sutter find gold?
3. What war had just ended?
4. Which president confirmed there was gold in California?
5. How did word spread back east about the gold discovery?
6. What does the phrase Manifest Destiny mean?
7. What two modes of transportation were used to get to California from the East Coast?
8. How long would it take by boat through Cape Horn?
9. What was the fastest ship of the 19th Century?
10. Why did the Panama Canal actually end up taking longer?
11. The overland trail was dangerous because rains brought _____.
12. The hardest part of the overland trail was a 40 mile _____.
13. In 1849 how many people came by each route:
Overland: _____, Cape Horn: _____, Isthmus (Panama) _____
14. Why did they go to Sutter's Fort first?
15. What happened to John Sutter?
16. Where did the mining rules come from?
17. What is the "Mother load"?
18. Who were the first people to suffer because of the miners? How did they suffer?
19. What is difficult about mining for gold?
20. Who really made all of the money?
21. Name 2 kinds of entertainment which were common in the mining towns/camps?
22. What institutions bring stability?
23. The gold rush taught men that failure isn't what?
24. What did the Compromise of 1850 allow CA to do?
25. What's California's Motto?
26. When did the Gold Rush end? (year range)
27. What does "See the elephant" mean?