

Grade 4 Theme 6 Story 1
“The Gold Rush”

LA.A.1.2.3 - Vocabulary - pg. 620

1. Read this sentence from the story.

Determined travelers overcame obstacles such as rivers and steep inclines.

What does the word *obstacles* mean in this sentence?

- A. difficult challenges
(correct answer)
- B. possible destinations
(incorrect meaning)
- C. travel methods
(incorrect meaning)
- D. mining claims
(incorrect meaning)

LA.A.2.2.1 - Main Idea - pg. 615-632

2. This article is mostly about

- A. How to stake a claim.
(detail not main idea)
- B. How people traveled to California.
(detail not main idea)
- C. How the gold rush affected California.
(correct answer)
- D. How boomtowns were built.
(detail not main idea)

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LA.A.2.2.7 - Compare and Contrast - pg. 620

3. How was travel to the Klondike improved after the tramways were built?
- A. Travel became less expensive.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - B. Travel was powered by electricity.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - C. Travel time increased dramatically.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - D. Travel was powered by horse or steam engine.
(correct answer)

LA.A.2.2.8 - Reference/Research - pgs. 624-625

4. Based on the article and the pictures found on pages 624 and 625, which tools did the miners use to separate the gold from the dirt?
- A. pick, sluice, pan
(incorrect or irrelevant info. from resource)
 - B. sluice, shovel, pan
(incorrect or irrelevant info. from resource)
 - C. sluice, pan, cradle
(correct answer)
 - D. pick, cradle, pan
(incorrect or irrelevant info. from resource)

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LA.A.2.2.2 - Author’s Purpose - pgs. 615-632

5. Why did the author write the story “The Gold Rush”?
- A. To entertain readers with a frightening story about overland trips.
(incorrect interpretation)
 - B. To tell readers about how to become a millionaire.
(incorrect interpretation)
 - C. To inform readers about why they should vacation in California.
(incorrect interpretation)
 - D. To teach readers about the results of the California gold rush.
(correct answer)

Cause and Effect - pg. 632

6. What happened when the supply of gold began to run out?
- A. Many prospectors went to town for supplies.
(incorrect effect)
 - B. Dredges were used to mine the remaining gold.
(correct answer)
 - C. People built large houses to show off their wealth.
(incorrect effect)
 - D. Experienced miners helped the “greenhorns”.
(plausible but incorrect)