Gold Rush Quiz

1. What was "gold fever?"
   a. A disease caused by exposure to radioactive gold
   b. A sudden rise in gold prices caused by the discovery of gold in California
   c. A mental illness that caused people to mistake worthless metals for gold
   d. The desire to get rich quick by acquiring California gold

2. Which of the following people was most likely to be a "49er?"
   a. A 50-year-old man who was a college professor of geology
   b. A 30-year-old female farmer from Oklahoma
   c. A 40-year-old man who was born and raised in California gold country
   d. A 20-year-old farmer from Missouri

3. Place the following events in sequence: A) Gold is discovered in California; B) California becomes a state; C) The Alaska gold rush begins
   a. A, B, C
   b. B, A, C
   c. C, B, A
   d. A, C, B

4. If you wanted to pan for gold, where would you go?
   a. [Image of mountain range]
   b. [Image of desert]
   c. [Image of river]
   d. [Image of beach]

5. What can you infer about California from the information presented in the movie?
   a. Before 1849, its capital city was San Francisco
   b. Before 1849, relatively few people lived there
   c. Before 1849, it was impossible to reach by land or sea
   d. Before 1849, it had a reputation for being lawless and violent

6. Which of the following California towns most likely began as a gold rush town?
   a. Santa Rosa
   b. Red Dog
   c. Fullerton
   d. Pasadena

7. You were most likely to strike it rich in the California Gold Rush if you:
   a. Got to California very quickly after gold had been discovered
   b. Used devices like the long tom and the cradle
   c. Avoided mining camps
   d. Took the sea route to California instead of the land route

8. If you wanted to go from New York to California by ship, you would:
   a. Travel through the Panama Canal
   b. Sail northward to the Arctic Ocean, head west, and then go south past Alaska
   c. Sail through the Great Lakes, and then travel west along the Missouri River
   d. Sail south all the way around the tip of South America, and then go north again

9. Which word best describes mining camps?
   a. Wealthy
   b. Placid
   c. Rowdy
   d. Large

10. Why did the gold rush end?
    a. California passed a law against gold prospecting
    b. Most of the land in California was bought up by fortune-seekers
    c. All the easy-to-find gold was quickly taken
    d. The Civil War broke out, and prospectors had to go and fight