

## **SUMMER READING      4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE      STUDY GUIDE**

### **Search and find: Gold! Gold From the American River by: Don Brown**

(Answer the questions in complete sentences; include a cover page with a drawing about the gold rush days, the title, author and your name.)

1. What was another name for San Francisco, before it was San Francisco, the tiny seaport not far from Sutter's mill? (Clue: page 1)
2. What happened after President Polk's speech to the American people? (Clue: Find President Polk's picture)
3. Describe who the forty-niners were. (Clue: 1849 - not the football team)
4. Choose **one** of the three ways the forty-niners traveled to California, describe the journey, and give your opinion if it was a harder or easier way to travel to California. (Clue: Look at the Map)
5. Describe in detail one way the miners "dug" for gold. (Clue: diggings)
6. Why did most miners not become wealthy? (Clue: conditions)
7. Who did "make great fortunes" from the gold rush? (Clue: jeans & pans)
8. What happened to John Marshall and John Sutter, the first men to discover gold in California? (Clue: The End)
9. Do the math: In 1849, San Francisco went from 12 people to a town of 5,000 (thousand) and by the end of the gold rush, 1852, San Francisco had 25,000 (thousand) people living in now a big city, how many more people came to live in San Francisco during this three year period. Explain what math process you used to get your answer.
10. If gold had never been discovered in 1849, what would San Francisco be like today? (Clue: prediction-Your opinion based on what you read)

Bonus: Using technology research, compare the value of an ounce of gold during the gold rush and the value of an ounce of gold today.