Chapter 6 Review

Time

1835 — 1840

1848 James Marshall discovers gold in California

Reading Social Studies

To **compare** is to think about how two or more things are alike. To **contrast** is to think about how two or more things are different.

Focus Skill Compare and Contrast

Complete the Venn diagram below to show how two of the methods forty-niners used to search for gold were alike and how they were different. A copy of this graphic organizer appears on page 70 of the Homework and Practice Book.

Statehood for California

Topic 1

Panning
- single person
- river water, sand, and gravel scooped into pan
- water swirled around pan

Similar

Topic 2

Cradle
- at least two people
- two trays; top tray filled with sand, soil, and gravel
- water poured over material in top tray as cradle is rocked

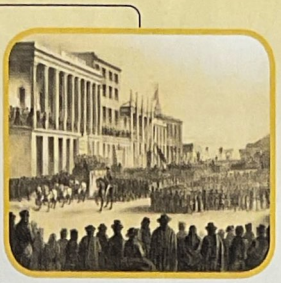
California Writing Prompts

Write a Narrative Imagine you are a forty-niner who has been working a claim for several months. Think about your experiences in California. Then write a postcard to the people back home about your life.

Write a Summary Write a report summarizing the effects of the gold rush on California. Be sure to include details about how settlements, the economy, and the environment in California changed.

1845 1850 1855

1849
Delegates meet in Monterey to write the California Constitution



1850
California becomes the thirty-first state of the United States

Use Vocabulary

Write the term that correctly matches each definition.

isthmus, p. 228
inflation, p. 239
discrimination, p. 242
legislature, p. 249
ratify, p. 249

1. to approve
2. a sharp increase in prices
3. a group of people elected to make laws
4. a narrow piece of land that connects two larger land areas
5. unfair treatment of people because of their religion, race, or birthplace

Use the Time Line

ANALYSIS SKILL **Use the summary time line above to answer the questions.**

6. When did James Marshall discover gold?
7. When was California admitted as the thirty-first state of the United States?

Apply Skills

Read a Line Graph

8. Look at the line graph on page 245. In which decade did California have the smallest population increase? In which decade did California have the greatest population increase?

Recall Facts

Answer these questions.

9. Where was gold first discovered in California?
10. What happened to the price of goods in California during the gold rush? Why?
11. What did members of Congress decide in the Compromise of 1850?

Write the letter of the best choice.

12. Which features were chosen to mark California's eastern border?
    - **A** the Sierra Nevada and Colorado River
    - **B** the Rocky Mountains and the Mojave Desert
    - **C** the Cascade Range and the Sacramento River
    - **D** the Pacific Ocean
13. What happened to most large ranchos after California became a state?
    - **A** They grew bigger.
    - **B** They were broken up.
    - **C** They became national parks.
    - **D** They were given to Indian tribes.

Think Critically

14. Why was hydraulic mining in the mid-1800s started? How did this method of mining affect the environment?
15. ANALYSIS SKILL How did the gold rush contribute to the diversity of California's population?