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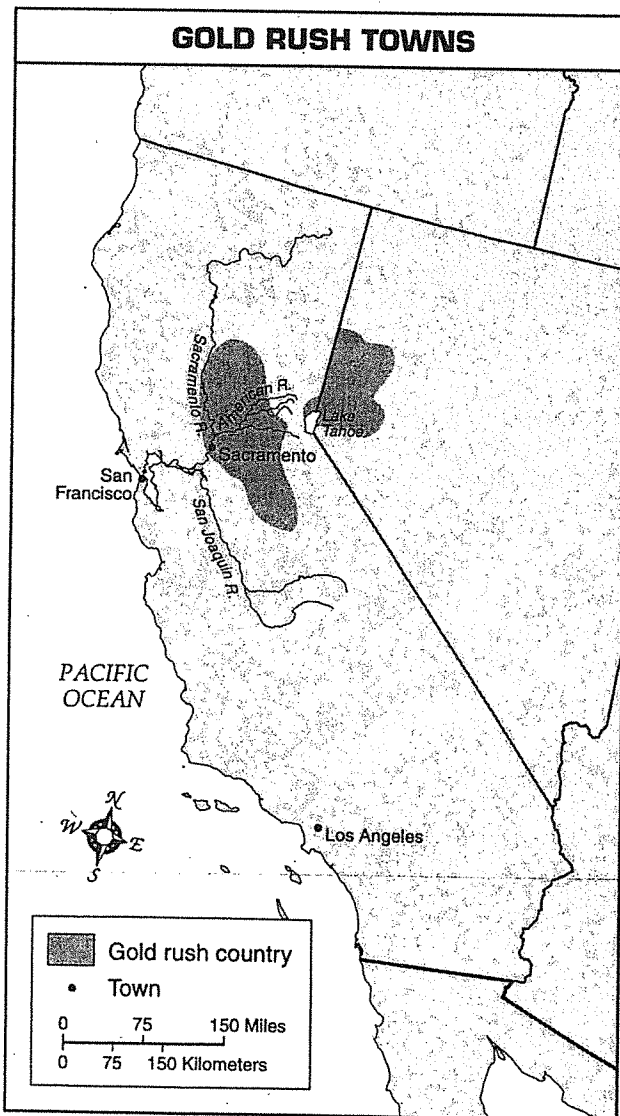


Map Mystery



California Gold—and Growth

On January 24, 1848, James Marshall discovered gold near Sacramento, California, while building a sawmill for John Sutter. Gold fever quickly hit the nation—and the world. The following year, thousands of people—called forty-niners—began moving to California. Some came overland; others came by sea. The population of California grew by 100,000 in just two years. Not all of these newcomers lived in the new mining camps, however. One community's population jumped from being a small village to a city of more than 20,000. What place enjoyed this tremendous growth?



Answer the following questions on another sheet of paper.

**A. Gathering Clues**

**Clue 1** What three towns appear on the map, and how close is each one to the gold rush country?

**Clue 2** If you wanted supplies for mining gold, would you rather buy them in Los Angeles or San Francisco?

**Clue 3** If you came to California by ship to mine gold, would you prefer to land in Los Angeles or in San Francisco?

**B. Solving the Mystery** Based on what you have learned from the clues above, which town do you think felt a greater impact from the gold rush: Los Angeles or San Francisco? Why?