

**Expanding West**

**Vocabulary Builder**

**Section 4**

Donner party	forty-niners	Biddy Mason	prospect
Levi Strauss	John Sutter	Sutter's Mill	

**DIRECTIONS** Write two adjectives or descriptive phrases that describe the term.

- 1. forty-niners \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. prospect \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Biddy Mason \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS** On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that make the sentence a true statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Levi Strauss arrived in California as a slave, but gained freedom and became one of the wealthiest landowners in California, a community leader, and a well-known supporter of charities.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Swiss immigrant John Sutter was given permission by Mexican officials to start a colony in California.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Donner party was a group of western travelers that became lost in the Sierra Nevada mountains.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. When it was learned that gold was discovered near Biddy Mason, the California gold rush began.  
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**Section Quiz**

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**TRUE/FALSE** Mark each statement **T** if it is true or **F** if it is false. If false explain why.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1.** The gold rush transformed California's economy and population almost overnight.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **2.** Bidy Mason was a foreign immigrant who came during the gold rush and became one of the wealthiest landowners in California.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **3.** The only people who profited from the gold rush were miners.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **4.** Gold was discovered in California in 1848 at the Snake River.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **5.** The discovery of gold in California attracted only American settlers.

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