

Book List for Studying the Gold Rush

NON-FICTION AND REFERENCE:

Blumber, Rhoda. *The Great American Gold Rush*.

In addition to information on the discovery of gold, methods of travel to California, and mining life, includes separate chapters on women, ethnic groups, and law and order.

Copeland, Peter. *Story of the California Gold Rush Coloring Book*.

Large, detailed, black-line illustrations with minimal accompanying text.

Ferris, Julie. *California Gold Rush : A Guide to California in the 1850s*.

Presents a look at the sites and society that existed in San Francisco during the time of the Gold Rush in the 1850s.

Kalman, Bobbie. *The Life of a Miner*.

Describes the development of the mining industry; includes diagrams and photos.

Krensky, Stephen. *Striking It Rich—The Story of the California Gold Rush (Ready to Read)*.

Overview of the arrival of people to California and the search for gold.

McMorrow, Catherine. *Gold Fever (Step Into Reading)*.

Describes how people came to California from all over the world after the discovery of gold, and explores some of the details of gold mining.

Rawls, Jim. *Dame Shirley and the Gold Rush*.

The story of a woman who went to California and wrote letters to her sister about her experiences during the Gold Rush.

Roop, Peter. *California Gold Rush*.

Describes, in illustrations and easy text, how gold was discovered in California, how miners traveled to the gold fields, how they sought gold or found riches other ways, and their impact on California.

Schanzer, Rosalyn. *Gold Fever*.

Combines first-hand quotes with cartoon-like illustrations.

Sherrow, Victoria. *Life During the Gold Rush*.

Spans the Gold Rush from the discovery of gold to the aftermath. Chapters address different aspects of mining life. Includes photographs, illustration, maps, and many informational sidebars.

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Stanley, Jerry. *Hurry Freedom*

Tells the story of Mifflin Gibbs, an African-American who came to California during the Gold Rush to achieve "some big thing."

Stein, R. Conrad. *The California Gold Rush*.

A Cornerstones of Freedom book with easily-comprehensible text and a variety of pictures.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING: HISTORICAL FICTION AND PICTURE BOOKS

Altman, Linda Jacobs. *The Legend of Freedom Hill*.

A fictional story set during the California Gold Rush, in which a girl teams up with her best friend in search of gold to buy her mother's freedom from a slave catcher.

Kay, Verla. *Gold Fever*.

A rhyming story of one farmer who leaves his home to seek his fortune.

Uchida, Yoshiko. *Samurai of Gold Hill*.

A boy who lost everything follows his dreams in a strange new land—Gold Rush California.