

Travel to the Gold Fields Worksheet

1. What event drew thousands of people from all over the world to California in 1849?

2. List the three major routes to California?

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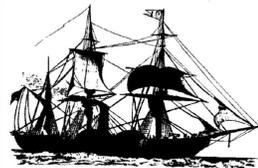
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3. Which was the longest route to California?

4. Where is Cape Horn located?

5. How many nautical miles was the Cape Horn route?

6. What were two problems travelers encountered on this route?



a.

b.

7. How did gold seekers cross the Isthmus of Panama?

8. What two tropical diseases did travelers face when crossing the Isthmus of Panama?

9. Name two of the American cities that became the main starting points for wagon trains headed west?

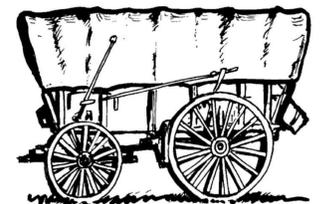
10. Name two kinds of animals that pulled the wagons?

11. What were three difficulties travelers faced along the wagon trails?

a.

b.

c.



12. You are living in New York in 1848 when President Polk announces gold was discovered in California. You decide to join the gold rush. What route would you choose and why? Give three reasons. (Answer on a separate piece of paper)