8 th Grade American Studies
Unit 7 – Westward Expansion
Topic: The California Gold Rush

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Directions: Using pages 364 – 369, please complete the following activity about the California Gold Rush.

The Gold Rush			
Where was gold first		İ	
discovered?			
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discovered?		ļ	
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What was the Donner			
Party?			
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Who were the Forty-			
Niners?			
How did miners search			
for gold?			
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What was life like in the			
mining camps?			
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Who came to California			
to look for gold?			
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What were some of the	·		
consequences of the			
"gold rush" on		-42	
California?			