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Period 5

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**Annotated Bibliography**

**Primary Sources**

Clappe, Louise Amelia Knapp Smith. *The Shirley Letters.* Salt Lake City, Utah: Gibbs M.

Smith, Inc. and Peregrine Smith Books, 1983. Print.

This book contains all of the “Shirley Letters” combined. The “Shirley Letters” was written during the time of the California Gold Rush by someone known as Dame Shirley. These letters were originally published in 1854 and 1855 in a magazine called, “The Pioneer Magazine.” These letters tell about Shirley’s life in the mines and will be very helpful in detailed research of life in the mines during the California Gold Rush.

Ito, Tom. *The California Gold Rush.* San Diego, California: Lucent Books, 1997. Print.

This book contains a lot of information about the California Gold Rush. The reason why this is a primary source is because this book is composed mainly of quotes from many other primary sources and first-hand accounts. This book also contains many photos that we plan on using on our website.

Jackson, Joseph Henry. *Gold Rush Album.* New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1949. Print.

This book contains tons of photos and sketches from the California Gold Rush period. We plan to use these photos, as well, in making our website. These photos will be used to help illustrate the ideas that we will present. These photos all have captions that explain each setting with a lot of details. This book overall contains a lot of useful information and sources for us in our project.

State of Wyoming. *Diary of Alex Ramsey.* State of Wyoming. Wyoming State Archives.

Internet.

< <http://wyoshpo.state.wy.us/westerntrails/photoalbum/archives/documents/ar/index.htm>>

This webpage contains an online photo album of the Diary of Alex Ramsey. This diary includes an account of Alex Ramsey and his journey from the state of Wyoming towards California for the ongoing California Gold Rush.

Shaw, Grace. *The Gold Rush Diary of Frank McCreary.* LongWood.k12.ny.us. Longwood

Central School District. Internet. March 2001.

< <http://www.longwood.k12.ny.us/history/diaries/mcreary.htm>>

This webpage is a transcribed version of a diary from a person, during the California Gold Rush period, named Frank McCreary. This first-hand account of a miner during the gold rush time will help us further our research into personal experiences.

**Secondary Sources**

Burger, James P. *The Quest for California’s Gold.* New York, New York: The Rosen

Publishing Group, 2002. Print.

This book contains a lot of information on things like other opportunities for gold, popular towns, mining tools, life in the goldfields, trails, different routes by ships, and, of course, information on the California Gold Rush. This is not a primary source because this information is already explained (and in greater detail) in the primary sources. This book will be very useful nonetheless.

Connie and Peter Roop. *California Gold Rush.* Broadway, New York: Scholastic, 2002. Print.

This book contains very basic information on the California Gold Rush. It contains some details such as prices of everyday items during the gold rush, popular trails to California, and the lives of people (such as James Marshall) after the California Gold Rush ended. This book will be useful to backing up and confirm information from other sources.

Ferris, Julie P. *California Gold Rush.* New York, New York: Kingfisher, 1999. Print.

This book contains very basic information on the California Gold Rush. It contains different types of information rather than on the event itself. These include what you could find in the shops of California during the gold rush, where gold could be found and in how many quantities, tribes near California during the gold rush, and different types of trees that grew.

Lyngheim, Linda. *Gold Rush Adventure.* Van Nuys, California: Langtry Publications, 1988.

Print.

This book goes into detail about the miner’s lives and perspectives. It contains information on people that found the largest amounts of gold during the California Gold Rush. A timeline of important dates during the gold rush is included in this book as well. This book will be useful by providing extra background information on the miners of the California Gold Rush.

Rawls, James J. *The Gold Rush: California Transformed.* California Historical Society.

California Historical Society, 2006. Internet. 2006.

< <http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/timeline/chapter6/index.html>>

This website contains a large system of sections and different types of information classified under each one. The information describes different minding techniques, law and order during the chaos of the California Gold Rush, and the Miner’s 10 Commandments.

Blashfield, Jean F. *The California Gold Rush.* Minneapolis, Minnesota: Compass Point Books,

2001. Print.

This book is very detailed in describing the conflicts and effects that result from the California Gold Rush. This is a very useful source because it contains a lot of information on the impact of the gold rush, which was what we were looking for exactly.

Blumberg, Rhoda. *The Great American Gold Rush.* New York, New York: Bradbury Press,

1989. Print.

This book includes a lot of information on how the miners saw the California Gold Rush: usually an opportunity at the wealthy life, or sometimes, a large burden. The information also includes how other cultures (other than American) were affected by the gold rush. This book was very useful to us because of how it contains information all of our other books didn’t.

Ketchum, Liza. *The Gold Rush.*  Canada; Great Britain: Little, Brown, and Company, 1996.

Print.

The perspectives and lives of many people who contributed and participated in the California Gold Rush are contained in this book. This will help us by giving us a larger variety of influential people during the California Gold Rush to work with. This was one of the more useful and beneficial books we checked out. It does not contain the repetitive information like some of the other books, but contains much more detailed information on the people rather than the event.

Kurutz, Gary F. *California as we saw it.* The California State Library. State of California,

2007. Internet. 2007. <<http://www.library.ca.gov/goldrush/intro.html>>

This website contains large amounts of information on the California Gold Rush. There is information on the events that lead up to the gold rush as well as pictures and descriptions of documents of the California Gold Rush. This is a very useful source because it is by a reliable group and has a lot of details and information on the California Gold Rush.

Sabrina Crewe and Michael V. Uschan.. *The California Gold Rush.* Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2003. Print.

This book is useful to us because of its timeline of the California Gold Rush. This timeline includes dates and details of significant events during the gold rush. It also includes useful web addresses that will be used as further sources.

Steenwyk, Elizabeth Van. *The California Gold Rush: West with the Forty-Niners.* Franklin

Watts, 1991. Print.

We found this book extremely useful to our History Day topic. In this book, there is information on the life and views of the miners during and after the California Gold Rush. How the miners mined for gold, how they worked to get every last piece of gold, and how mining caused problems with business and personal life.

Wellman, Paul I. *Gold in California.* Cambridge, Massachusetts: Houghton-Mifflin Company,

1958. Print.

This book contains information on the progression of the California Gold Rush and much smaller details, such as the constantly changing prices of gold bars. This book also has information on mining techniques that have been used during the gold rush and people that played very large roles in this historical event. This is the most useful and beneficial book because it goes deep into effect, causes, and importance of the California Gold Rush.

Yahoo News Network. *Key Figures in the California Gold Rush: John Sutter, Richard Barnes*

*Mason, William T. Sherman, and Ulysses S. Grant.* Yahoo News Network. Yahoo, 2007. Internet. 4 June 2007.

<http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/268280/key\_figures\_in\_the\_california\_gold.html>

This webpage includes background information on the key figures of the California Gold Rush. This will allow us to further our research by using this source as a start and then using the other sources to find more information.