

**JAMES MARSHALL FOUND GOLD!**

James Marshall discovered gold in Coloma, along the American River. This discovery dramatically changed the course of California's history.

What would you say to him if you could write him a letter?

*Dear Mr Marshall,*

**SCAN  
FOR MORE  
FUN!**



## Pop Quiz

- What was James Marshall hired to do for John Sutter?  
A) Hunt for food    B) Find Gold    C) Build a sawmill
- What year did James Marshall discover gold in California?  
A) 1848    B) 1849    C) 1850
- In your opinion, was discovering gold a good or bad thing for James Marshall? Why?

# PROSPECTING TIME

James Marshall's discovery of Gold brought thousands of prospectors to California looking to strike it rich. This caused the cost of goods to increase.

Imagine you are a prospector who just arrived in the boomtown of San Francisco. **You only have \$100 to spend. What would you buy?** ☒

☐ Pickax - \$50

☐ Bacon - \$10

☐ Butter - \$5

☐ New hat - \$25

☐ Dried beans - \$5

☐ Bread - \$12

☐ Gold pan - \$8

☐ A dozen eggs - \$12

☐ Boots- \$20

☐ New shirt - \$15

☐ Hotel (7 days) - \$35

☐ Dried Beef- \$8

**Total**

Write a paragraph explaining why you choose these items.

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Marshall

U B C E A S R P M H E

Pioneer

L G O K L E I L A T T

Sluice

R L M O E U U H E I C

Claim

T S A N M A M G G M E

Panning

M O O H R T G L N S P

Scoop

R I T S S U O N I K S

Boomtown

P E S M N R E W N C O

Nugget

M I C I W O A Y N A R

Prospect

N S O A L A T M A L P

Blacksmith

C H O L L K L G P B E

Mule

I C P C S P P O E T W

Placer

H E C I U L S A I E L