

THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

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After 1848, thousands of men in the East of the USA left their homes. They went to California to search for gold. Many left their wives and children behind. Why did this happen, and what became of these men?

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J. W. Marshall was the first who found gold in California. It was in the winter of 1848. Back then, the people lived there for example 160,000 Native Americans and 16,000 Californios (Californians from Mexico), but only 2,000 Americans.

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