

SAMPLE CAMP WESTERN TOWN LESSONS

GOLD NUGGETS AND GOLD DUST

Circle T if the sentence is True or F if it is False

1. Gold is beautiful at first but in a few months will rust and tarnish. T F
2. A gram of gold—the size of a pea—can be stretched out to cover 2 miles. T F
3. Other metals are mixed with gold to make them harder and stronger. T F
4. Stone and sand are eight times heavier than gold. T F
5. Gold usually settles wherever the water slows down or a stream widens. T F
6. Placer gold is found in rocks and stream. Lode mining is gold in the hills. T F
7. One miner in the Yuba River took out 30 lbs. of gold in a 4-foot claim. T F.
8. At Volcano miners could get as much as \$20 from a single panful of gravel. T F
9. Tin Cup Diggings was named for the tin cups miners filled with gold. T F
10. Holden’s Garden Nugget weighed 28 lbs. and was found in a cornfield. T F
11. On the Feather River a single nugget was found that weighed 161 pounds. T F
12. James Perkins never did find much gold in Carson Hill, Nevada. T F
13. When George McKnight stubbed his toe he hit a mine worth \$80 million. T F
14. Mr. Raspberry shot a tree (missing a squirrel) and found \$9,700 in gold. T F
15. “Gold Lake” Stoddard was a very lucky miner. T F
16. Rich Bar had so much gold miners only got ten-foot square claims. T F
17. Dry Diggings became Hangtown and today is called Placerville. T F

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MAGIC APPLE'S COWBOY TALK

Circle the best definition for each cowboy term.

1. **Amble** a) to walk or ride slowly b) to set your goals very high
2. **Bake** a) to make delicious corn fritters b) to overheat a horse by riding it too much
3. **Bedroll** a) personal items that a cowboy rolls and carries on the read of the saddle b) a blanket that is rolled up for sleeping on the prairie
4. **Break** a) a cowboy who goes crazy after spending too much time on the range b) to tame a wild horse so it can be ridden
5. **Buckaroo** a) another name for a cowboy b) another name for a horse
6. **Cutting Horse** a) a horse that can take cows out of the herd one at a time b) a horse that has it mane and tale trimmed and tied
7. **Dogie** a) a calf that does not have a mother b) a dog that follows a cowboy's horse
8. **Line Rider** a) a cowboy who rides in a line behind others b) a cowboy who follows a certain route to ride the range and check on the cattle
9. **Loco Weed** a) a type of grass that cows eat that makes them act crazy b) a type of tobacco a cowboy chews that makes them act crazy
10. **Maverick** a) a cowboy that does not follow the rules b) a cow without a brand
11. **Nester** a) a person who comes to settle on the land b) a cow that settles on land that is not his owners.
12. **Pull Leather** a) to shoot a gun really fast b) to hold on the saddle horn when riding a wild horse
13. **Six-shooter** a) a pistol that shoots six bullet b) a cowboy that can outshoot others
14. **Spread** a) a fancy meal for company cooked by a cowboy b) the land, buildings, and cattle that make up a ranch
15. **Tenderfoot** a) a cowboy that gets blisters from his boots b) a person that doesn't have experience living a cowboy's life
16. **Vamoose** a) to run away quickly b) to chase a coyote away from the cattle
17. **Whitefaces** a) the name cowboys were given by Indians b) a name given to Hereford cattle
18. **Wrangler** a) a cowboy who takes care of horses b) a cowboy who wears blue jeans
19. **Yearling** a) a cowboy who is new at his job b) a colt or calf that is only one year old

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Parent's signature _____.