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California Gold Rush:

Directions: Read each document and answer the questions in complete sentences. Use information from yesterday's lesson when needed.

Document A: Ernest de Massey (Modified)

Context: Ernest de Massey was a French immigrant who sailed to San Francisco in May 1849 after hearing about the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill. After a seven-month voyage, he arrived in San Francisco, where he kept a journal of his experiences. Below is an excerpt from one of his journal entries.

Document: 12/15/49: At noon the boat dropped us not on solid ground, but in the mud and slime which is everywhere. There is no dock, and only one or two landing-places for the ships. The streets, which are very wide, cut the city up into right angles. Close to one hundred houses are being built a month, which are immediately rented. **Scores** of immigrants live in tents in the neighborhood waiting for more comfortable housing. Few houses are built of brick. The biggest buildings are two-story wooden structures painted in bright colors. Several are even stylish on the outside and luxurious within. But only millionaires are able to afford such luxury.

All the business streets are **teeming** with activity. In fact they seem as active as any in Paris. Over here, however, the men seem more businesslike and in a greater hurry; **loafing** is an unknown quantity. During the day every one plows knee-deep in mud through the lower streets which get the heaviest travel for this is where the banks and the important commercial establishments are located. All are focused on getting business and social **prestige** regardless of their qualifications and trying to make a fortune.

In the midst of this chaos you can hear many languages. Ask a question in English and your reply may be in German; if you speak in French you may perhaps be answered in Spanish, Italian, Russian, Polish or Chinese. This would be amusing if it were not such a handicap. However, those who can speak three languages, English, French and Spanish, can make themselves understood anywhere.

Source: Ernest de Massey, journal entry for December 15, 1849.

Document A: Ernest de Massey

<p>Score: a group of twenty things Loafing: being lazy Teeming: to be filled with something Prestige: importance in the eyes of other people</p>
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1. (Sourcing) Who was Ernest de Massey?

2. (Sourcing) When did he write this journal entry?

3. (Contextualization) What was happening in San Francisco when he wrote it?

4. (Close reading) How did de Massey describe the city?

5. (Close reading) How did de Massey describe the people in San Francisco?

6. (Corroboration) How does de Massey's account corroborate (support) the images from the first part of the lesson? (Think back to yesterday)

Document B: Henry V. Huntley (Modified)

Context: Sir Henry V. Huntley was a British Naval officer. He lived in San Francisco in 1852 and worked as a representative for a British gold mining company. He wrote a book about his experiences in California. Below is a chart made from an excerpt of the book where he discussed the growth and economy of San Francisco.

Document:

SAN FRANCISCO has now been a city less than three years, and here is a statistical account of the arrivals of **emigrants**; **tonnage** employed; and **bullion** exported; during three months: March, April, and May.

Emigrants: people who leave their home countries to live somewhere else
Tonnage: weight in tons of a ship's cargo

Source: Henry Huntley, California Its Gold and Its Inhabitants. Published in 1856.

Arrival of Emigrants from Foreign Ports	Arrivals of Ships (In tonnage)	Bullion (Gold) Imported and Exported (in dollars)
Males: 18,990 Females: 13,98 Children: 535 Total: 20,923	American: 36,272 Foreign: 40,336 Total: 76,608	Import (Gold brought into the country): 10,120,828 Export (Gold that leave the country): 9,533,970.

Document B: Henry V. Huntley

1. (Sourcing) Who was Henry V. Huntley?

2. (Sourcing) When did he write this entry?

3. (Inference) Were there more men or women arriving in San Francisco? What might have caused this difference in the number of men and women arriving in San Francisco?

4. (Inference) What does the amount of goods being shipped through San Francisco suggest about how the Gold Rush affected the city?

5. (Corroboration) How does this document corroborate (Support) Document A and the images?