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Klondike Gold Rush

1. August of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, George Carmack and two Indian friends found a gold nugget from the bed of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Creek, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Canada’s Klondike River. Over the next two years, at least

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prospectors came from all over the world set for the gold fields, but only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ actually made it to the Klondike, and even fewer found their fortune.

2. Along with the prospectors were the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; those who hoped to establish businesses based on the new industry.

3. Prior to the 1890’s gold rush, there had been rumors of gold in the Yukon as early as 1830. In 1878, George \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came back with nuggets, so by 1880 they were about 200 miners \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for gold in the sandbars along the Yukon River.

4. In 1893 two Russians hit a spot that produced $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a year in gold and spawned the boom town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City or also known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Alaska. It boasted \_\_\_\_\_ theaters, eight dance halls, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saloons, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a school.

5. Prior to his discovery, Carmack had a vision of 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with golden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and gold nuggets for eyes, which is why he took up the sport of fishing. He was with his friends, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jim and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Charley when cleaning a dishpan, a thumb-size chunk of gold was found. Carmack headed downriver the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles or so to Fortymile to record his claim and that of the other two partners.

6. A few of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which means ***newcomers***, went to investigate the claim and the news spread. Within five days the valley was swarming with prospectors but by the end of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the whole length of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Creek (which was previously known as Rabbit Creek) was staked out in claims.

7. Due to the winter conditions, it wasn’t until July of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when steamships from Alaska docked in San Francisco and Seattle with 68 miners carrying more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tons of gold that the outside world caught the Klondike fever.

8. It cost an individual $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to purchase an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which consisted of a stove, tent, tools, nails, and enough supplies to last a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A proper outfit would weigh nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pounds. Enterprising citizens began to sell dubious items with the name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attached as a means of profiting from gold fever.

9. Even one of the pioneers in electricity, Nikola \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promoted an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ machine that supposedly detected precious metals beneath the ground.

10. One crucial commodity that was in demand was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

For a $1,000 fare, passengers could take a riverboat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles up the Yukon River delta to the gold fields.

11. For those who made it by boat to Skagway in Alaska Panhandle, they had to face the lawlessness of con men like Jefferson Randolph \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Smith, who ran the town’s underworld.

12. To get to the gold fields, prospectors needed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a team or a few mules. Harriet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, made her fortune by driving a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outfit all day and baking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in pans made from old tin cans.

13. The two most heavily traveled routes began in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For the first trail, it was later christened \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Trail after the number of horse carcasses that littered it. The goal was to reach Lake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the headwaters of the Yukon River.

14. Dyea Trail, was also called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Trail because it was too steep for pack animals. The Golden Stairs were made from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ steps chopped in the hard-packed snow and tolls were charged for those who used them.

15. Once at Lake Bennett, prospectors still had to travel another \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles to get to the gold fields. One of the other deadly obstacles facing boaters was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Canyon, which had ferocious rapids that smashed boats to splinters. Experienced sailors, like the author Jack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , who netted $100 a trip thru the canyon.

16. The final destination was Dawson City, which swelled in 1897 it had a population of over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, becoming one of the largest cities in Canada.

17. Alex McDonald made his millions by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the claims of others and then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others to work them. He earned the title of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Queen of the Klondike was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . In the spring of 1897 she sold her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worth of cotton \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and hot-water \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. With her profits she hired men to build \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She went on to build the grandest \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Klondike known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She later became the only woman manager of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ company, the largest in the Yukon Territory.

18. By 1899, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people deserted Dawson for the beaches of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Alaska.

19. Of the 40,000 people who reached Dawson, only about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ actually had the grit to work the gold fields, and of those, only a quarter actually found gold, and only a handful became wealthy.

20. Tagish Charley sold his claim and died an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

21. Shookum Jim spent most of his life continuing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for another strike.

22. George Carmack increased his fortune and died a wealthy man in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, British Columbia in 1922.

23. The heyday of the individual prospector ended in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. With the new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ line from Skagway, big mining companies unearthed millions more in gold.