

Welcome to Mission San Juan Capistrano!



ENTRANCE

TEACHER'S GUIDE TO GOLD FEVER!

Untold Stories of the California Gold Rush.

Showing now through March 2010.

Mission San Juan Capistrano's new temporary exhibit "Gold Fever! Untold Stories of the Gold Rush" meets California State Curriculum Standards for 4th Grade Social Science. In an effort to enhance your students learning experience, a Miner's Encampment interactive corner has been provided in the exhibit where students will be able to touch, try on, and play with history related items associated with the California Gold Rush.

In addition to the interactive corner, the Mission has provided companion activities available for free download from our website. The companion activities encourage students to walk and explore the new exhibit, enhance their vocabulary, and think creatively as they learn about history.

Please note that our Field Trip Activity Guide (found under the Teacher Lesson Plan Section) on our website has been updated to include more information about our permanent collection and museum rooms also listed in this guide.



Historic Landmark and Museum

California State Standards: Fourth Grade Social Studies Covered in the Gold Fever Temporary Exhibit

4.4 Students explain how California became an agricultural and industrial power, tracing the transformation of the California economy and its political and cultural development since the 1850s.

1. Not Applicable

2. Explain how the Gold Rush transformed the economy of California, including the types of products produced and consumed, changes in towns (e.g., Sacramento, San Francisco), and economic conflicts between diverse groups of people.

3. Discuss immigration and migration to California between 1850 and 1900, including the diverse composition of those who came; the countries of origin and their relative locations; and conflicts and accords among the diverse groups (e.g., the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act).

4. Describe rapid American immigration, internal migration, settlement, and the growth of towns and cities (e.g., Los Angeles).

Gold Fever! Exhibit Includes:

Hanging Wall Panels Topics:

- California on the Eve of the Gold Rush
- California Commerce
- City growth in San Francisco and Los Angeles
- Immigrants
- Law, Order and Justice for all? – Injustices on immigrants and vigilantes
- Life of the Miner
- Mining Methods
- Prospecting
- Sutter's Mill Discovery
- Routes to California

Exhibit Cases with Artifacts including:

- Games
- Gold Pan
- Hardtack
- Mining tools
- Miner possessions
- Original Newspapers from 1850
- Original Letters written during the gold rush

Interactive Miner's Encampment Corner (items for students to touch and explore)

- Miner's A-Frame Tent
- Bag of marbles
- Bandana
- Checkers
- Cooking implements
- Clothes line
- Cornhusk dolls
- Faux fire circle
- Faux campfire
- Gold pan
- Hardtack
- Hats
- Pants
- Playing cards
- Red Union suit
- Shirt
- Tea cup
- Tic tac toe game
- Toothbrush