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GRADE 4

THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

**WE STRUCK IT RICH AT
MINERAL CITY!**

**You Can Discover YOUR
Riches as You Mine FOR**

GOLD!

**CAN YOUR 4TH GRADE STUDENTS
IMAGINE WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE LIKE
DURING THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH?**



YOU DON'T HAVE TO IMAGINE WHEN YOU LET THEM EXPERIENCE IT!

The Lewis Center for Educational Research invites you and your students to Mineral City to discover life as a miner in 1849! Before your adventure begins in our mining town, students will prepare by earning 'miner bucks' in their classroom through a series of team activities. Once teams arrive with their bucks, their experience

begins in Sam's Dry Goods Store where they purchase supplies for their hunt for gold. This is a 'supply & demand' lesson covering economics they won't soon forget! Students then journey to the gold fields! Loaded down with supplies, they experience a window on our past as they travel from our mining town, Mineral City, to our claim at the Mojave River where they pan for gold.



Students perform chores in town, each providing a hands-on activity that is taken home with them. A trip to the Assay Office will tell students just how much their gold is worth. It's exciting to see students experience a day as a miner, make decisions, get "gold fever" and sometimes even experience greed!

Mineral City, our mining town, is located on our 150-acre Mojave River Campus. Our boomtown consists of a general store, Assay Office, UNION Bank of Mineral City, Telegraph Office, Sheriff's Office, Miss Lottie's Boarding House & Dining Hall, and a Livery. Our acclaimed educational program, "The California Gold Rush – A Living History of 1849", aligns with 4th grade State of California content standards. Save the travel costs to Sacramento! Visit Mineral City and stake your claim!



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DISCOVER THE EXCITEMENT OF GOLD PANNING, AND EXPERIENCE WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO DO “MINER” CHORES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

