

Gold Rush  
Timeline

**1846**-Native American population in California was app. 150,000

**1846**-Mexican-American War begins.

**1847**- Population of San Francisco was app 500.

**1848**, Jan. 24-Gold is discovered at Sutter's Mill in Coloma, Calif.

**1848**, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Mexican-American War ends, The U.S. wins and annexes California.

**1848**, March- Cali. newspapers begin to report the discovery of gold.

1848, May- Populations of cities in Calif. Drop as people leave for the gold fields.

**1848**, Aug. 19-*New York Herald* publishes a story about the discovery of Gold in Calif.

**1849**, App. 80,000 people, mainly men, from around the world came to Calif.

**1850**-Most of the easily accessible gold was gone. Miners moved from panning to more advanced methods of sluice and hydraulic mining.

**1850**- Calif passed the Foreign Miners' Tax, which required all foreign miners and Mexicans born in California to pay \$20 a month. The tax forced many Chinese and Mexicans out of the mines.

**1850**- California passes the Indenture Act, which makes it legal to capture Native Americans and use them as indentured servants.

**1852**- The population of San Francisco is app. 36,000.

**1870-** Due to disease, dislocation, enslavement, and widespread violence against Native Americans by settler, the Native American population in California dropped to app. 30,000