

Expanding West

Vocabulary Builder

Section 4

Donner party	forty-niners	Biddy Mason	prospect
Levi Strauss	John Sutter	Sutter's Mill	

DIRECTIONS Write two adjectives or descriptive phrases that describe the term.

- 1. forty-niners _____
- 2. prospect _____
- 3. Biddy Mason _____

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that make the sentence a true statement.

_____ 4. Levi Strauss arrived in California as a slave, but gained freedom and became one of the wealthiest landowners in California, a community leader, and a well-known supporter of charities.

_____ 5. Swiss immigrant John Sutter was given permission by Mexican officials to start a colony in California.

_____ 6. The Donner party was a group of western travelers that became lost in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

_____ 7. When it was learned that gold was discovered near Biddy Mason, the California Gold Rush began.

DIRECTIONS Choose three of the vocabulary words from the word list. On a separate sheet of paper, use these words to write a letter, poem, or song that relates to this section.