



## EUREKA!!

The year is 1849, the height of the Gold Rush. This is the story of a young person and their family moving west.

\_\_\_\_\_ was excited that his/her \_\_\_\_\_ was moving across the country, he/she had heard the stories of \_\_\_\_\_ laying across the \_\_\_\_\_ of California.

*Name* *Noun* *Plural Noun* *Noun*

He/she helped his/her \_\_\_\_\_ prepare their \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by loading it up with \_\_\_\_\_. They would soon be setting off on their \_\_\_\_\_ journey.

*Family Member* *Adjective* *Color* *Noun* *Plural Noun* *Adjective*

Weeks turned into months. The trip was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ they hitched to the \_\_\_\_\_ were keeping a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ pace. \_\_\_\_\_ walked alongside his/her \_\_\_\_\_ for most of the trip. The \_\_\_\_\_ family braved \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and dangers of all kind until finally...

*Adjective* *Adjective* *Plural Animal* *Noun* *Adjective* *Same Name* *Family Member* *Adjective* *Plural Noun* *Plural Noun* *Noun*

THEY MADE IT! \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she could in his excitement. However, as they continued through California, \_\_\_\_\_ started to become discouraged...

*Same Name* *Past-Tense Verb* *Adverb* *Same Name*

"Where's all the \_\_\_\_\_ we were promised!?"

*Plural Noun*

After \_\_\_\_\_ of looking for a location to stake their claim, \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_. He/she sat down on a \_\_\_\_\_ next to a stream and stuck his/her \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ to cool himself/herself off when he/she noticed a glimmer of something in the \_\_\_\_\_...

*Duration of Time* *Same Name* *Adjective* *Noun* *Body Part* *Noun* *Noun*

"\_\_\_\_\_!!! A \_\_\_\_\_!!!"

*EXCLAMATION* *NOUN*

\_\_\_\_\_’s \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor had suddenly returned.

*Same Name* *Adjective*

"Maybe this was all worth it after all."

\*See next page for a reference story\*



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**This is a reference story for the above Mad Lib.**

The year is 1849, the height of the Gold Rush. This is the story of a young person and their family moving west.

Jimmy was excited that his family was moving across the country, he had heard the stories of GOLD lying across the land of California.

He helped his father prepare their new, brown, covered wagon by loading it up with supplies. They would soon be setting off on their long journey.

Weeks turned into months. The trip was long and difficult. The donkeys they hitched to the wagon were keeping a steady pace. Jimmy walked alongside his sister for most of the trip. The small family braved mountains, wild animals, a desert, and dangers of all kind until finally...

THEY MADE IT! Jimmy hollered as loudly as he could in his excitement. However, as they continued through California, Jimmy started to become discouraged...

"Where's all the GOLD we were promised!?"

After days of looking for a location to stake their claim, Jimmy was exhausted. He sat down on a rock next to a stream and stuck his hands in the water to cool himself off when he noticed a glimmer of something in the water...

"EUREKA!!! A GOLD NUGGET!!!"

Jimmy's enthusiastic demeanor had suddenly returned.

"Maybe this was all worth it after all."