In the early 1800s, U.S. settlers on the East Coast pan for gold in streams and dig just below the surface for gold. The first Gold Rush is in NC & GA.

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In 1792, the Coinage Act establishes the first mint in the then U.S. capital, Philadelphia, and establishes the silver standard.

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What is a ‘49er?

- A participant in the 1849 California Gold Rush
- San Francisco 49ers, American football team
- Athletic teams representing California State University, Long Beach
- All of the above

All of the above! During the California Gold Rush (1848 – 1855), 300,000 early United States settlers crossed the country and immigrants from around the globe moved to California in hopes of striking it rich. These fortune seekers were nicknamed “forty-niners”, since the height of the California Gold Rush was in 1849.

You can be a ’49er, too.
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Using the blue terms from the catcher, fill in the following:

The forty-niners panned for gold in ____________ deposits in streams.

Using a panning kit, you can mimic ____________ mining.

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