

THE CARIBOO GOLD RUSH

Use Horizons 1st edition pages 216-224 to answer the following questions.

1. How did the fantasy of the gold rush compare to the reality?
2. Who was the first to discover gold in BC? Where was it discovered?
3. According to Governor James Douglas, how would an influx of American settlers impact the Colony of British Columbia? Identify 2 solutions to this problem.
4. Soon the gold found along the Fraser River was claimed. Where in BC did gold miners go next to find more gold?
5. Look at Fig 6-11. Write 2 newspaper captions for the picture – one from the point of view of few of business and one from the point of view of environmentalists.

6. Identify 3 purposes of the Cariboo Wagon Road.

7. Why was the government not able to pay for the road?

8. Identify the different groups of people who built the Cariboo Wagon Road.

9. Describe different ways the smallpox epidemic spread through the First Nations population. What impact did this disease have on the population?

10. How did the building of the Cariboo Wagon Road impact the economy and society of Barkerville?

11. What economic and social tensions might have existed in Barkerville during the early 1860s?

12. Who was Billy Barker? In his life, did he fulfill the dream of the gold rush or represent the reality?