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## Socials Studies 9 The Many Northwests

# 4D Goldrush Era in BC

### References:

Horizons (text),

possible video titles: "Rush for Spoils," "The Hanging Judge"  
or Canada Peoples History clips

### Useful Websites:

search: bc goldrush barkerville fraser

BC Archives: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/index.htm>

National Library on BC & Confederation: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/2/18/h18-2185-e.html>

Caribou Gold Rush: <http://collections.gc.ca/cariboo/contents.htm>

Klondike Gold Rush Links: <http://www.explorenorth.com/library/ya/bl22y.htm>



Barkerville in the 1860s

### Read Horizons Ch. 6, p. 216-224 and complete notes to answer the following questions

1. Where had there been a gold rush prior to the discovery of gold in BC?
2. What was staking a claim? How was gold extracted from the ground?
3. Why were people in the 19th century interested in gold rushes? Did they usually get what they wanted?
4. Where was gold found in 1857? (bringing it to the attention of James Douglas)
5. Where were most of the gold-seekers who came to search for gold on the Fraser from?
6. In order to preserve British control of the mainland, what was the response of the British government to the influx of miners?
7. Why did the British government send a contingent of Royal Engineers to BC?

8. Why was the Cariboo Road built? Why did it become a problem for the colonial government?

9. Which Native group was hardest hit from the 1862 smallpox epidemic? How was smallpox transmitted inland?

10. Make some notes on Barkerville. What were some key events in its life as a town? Who was Billy Barker and what became of him?

**BC TIMES. After watching the video, answer the following question:**

Despite the domination by the British, could early BC be described as multi-cultural?

**“GOLD RUSH” Scrapbook resource, sections 2-8**

Make some notes that indicate what life would have been like for a gold miner in BC during the 1850s and 60s.