



# California

# capital



An early California colonist of Mexican or Spanish descent and their descendants.

A city that is the center of government for a state or country.



**citizen**

**delegate**



A person who has certain rights in a country or state, including the right to live there.

A person chosen to act for or represent others.



# ecosystem

# hydraulic



A community of plants, animals,  
and their surroundings that depend  
on each other.

Something that is moved or powered  
by water or another liquid.



# injunction

# levee



A court order that requires somebody to do or stop doing something.

A raised bank beside a river formed naturally or built to control flooding.



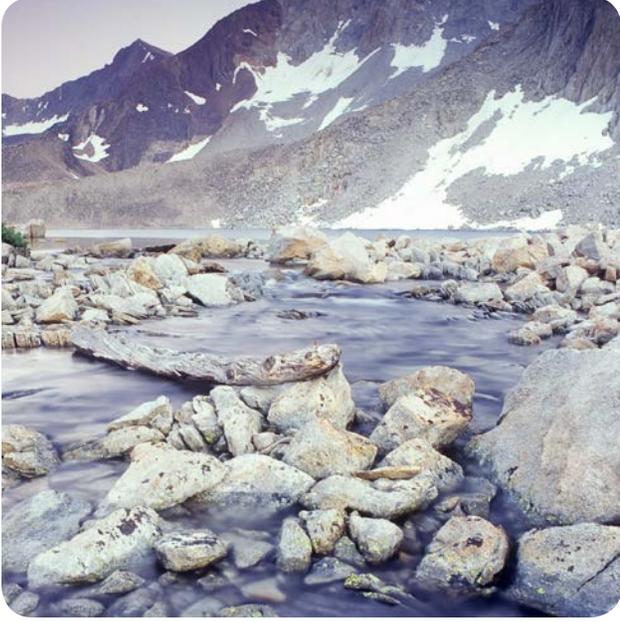
**mercury**

**mining camp**



A poisonous metal that is liquid at room temperature and a silver-white color.

A place where miners work and live,  
usually for a short time.



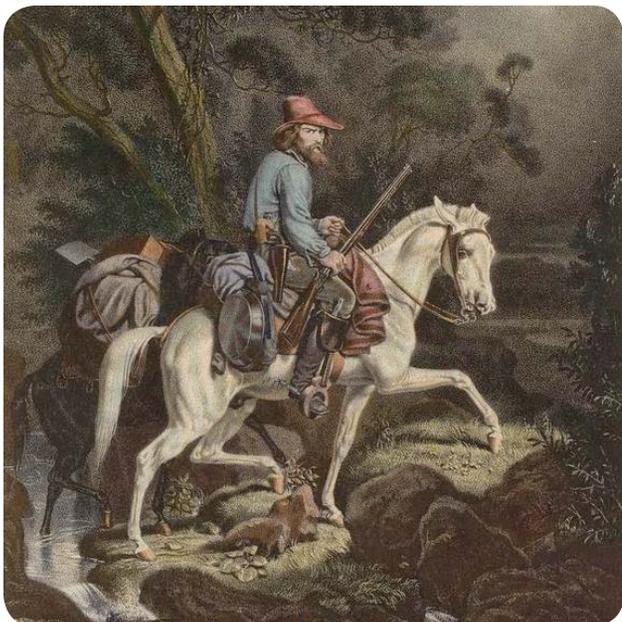
# natural resources

nugget



Materials, such as water, minerals, energy, and soil, that people use from nature and natural systems.

A piece of gold or other valuable metal, as it is found in nature.



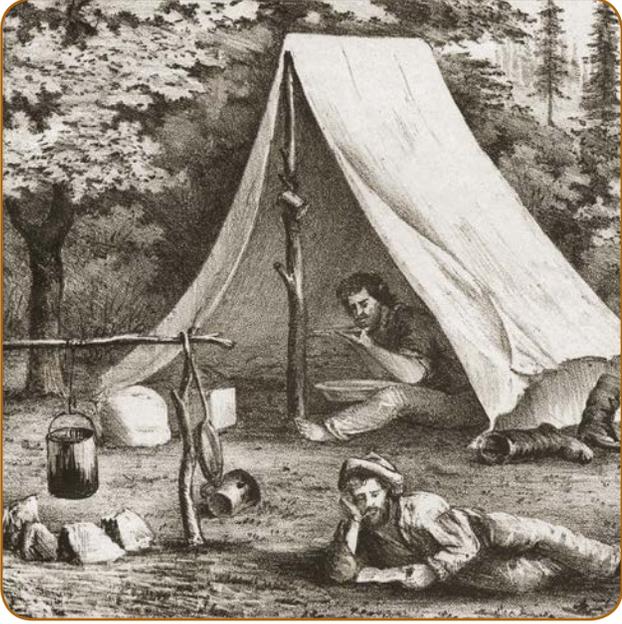
prospector

sawmill



A person who looks for minerals,  
such as gold.

A place where timber is cut into boards.



squatter

tailings



A person who lives on land or in a building without permission from the owner.

The stones, sand, and soil left over after mining.



timber

Wood and lumber that is used to make buildings and other things.