

# BC Gold Rush Worksheet

1. Write a brief paragraph or draw a sketch/comic explaining how the Gold Rush directly impacted the creation of British Columbia. *(Read pages 223- 227 in Canada Revisited to supplement the notes.)*
2. Explain in your own words the **three** options that were available to the people of the colony of British Columbia during the 1860's. What are the pros and cons for each?
  - 2.1.
  - 2.2.
  - 2.3.
3. Which choice would you have made if you were living in the colony of BC at that time? Explain your reasoning with 2 or 3 supporting details.
4. What was British Columbia called before it was British Columbia?
5. What were the reasons why British Columbia was falling so far into debt in 1868?

6. If you were John A. Macdonald (Prime Minister of Canada), and you wanted to convince British Columbia to unite with Canada, what would you offer them in order to encourage them to choose confederation instead of annexation to the United States? (Think about British Columbia's state at the time – what would be important to them or help them to connect with the rest of Canada).