

**MANY VOICES**

**FROM**

**THE GOLD RUSH**

**Personal Accounts by  
Members of Diverse Ethnic Groups**

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Dear Educator:

This booklet contains representative readings from people of many ethnic and cultural groups who took part in the California Gold Rush. These selections from diaries, letters, autobiographies, journals, and historical fiction give human voices and personal details to the facts students read in their textbooks. We hope these sources will help you bring history to life in your classroom, whether it's upper elementary, middle, or high school.

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