

*(From Portraits of Pride II, Appendix B, p. 262)*

1848

Gold discovered in Sutter's sawmill in Coloma (50 miles northeast of Sacramento), California. Chinese begin to arrive. The Chinese who found their gold and wanted to return home knew they were popular targets of thieves. They solved the problem by melting the gold and forming it into ugly cooking utensils. When they got home, they melted the utensils and had their gold.