

Reading: Legends, fairy tales, folk tales, myths about gold. *Snow Treasure*
Meaning of gold clichés and idioms. **Social Studies:** Timeline of gold thru history.

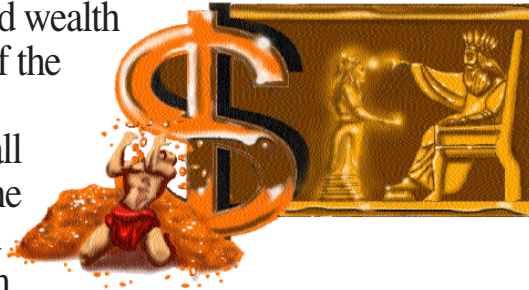


Dig A Little Deeper Find Out That The History of Gold is The History of the World



The ancient western world learned from Egypt how to mine and refine gold. Egypt's incredible gold wealth came from granite hills on both sides of the Red Sea.

One of the greatest gold hunters of all time was Alexander the Great. When he died at the age of 33, he had conquered more lands than any general before him.



The famed Roman Empire was gold poor, and the lure of Spain's gold mines was a major cause of the Punic Wars.

American Indians mined gold as early as 1565, to trade with Spanish explorers in Florida. Without the Gold Rush of 1849, California, Nevada, and Utah might be part of Mexico. The first documented discovery of gold in America was made by a 12-year-old boy in 1799, in North Carolina. Nearly 50 pounds of gold is used every day by dentists, requiring the mining of 18,500 tons of ore each day.



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Science: How & why is gold mined. Create list of uses.
Music/Drama: Skits based on gold. Clementine & other mining songs.

Math: Different measurements. An ounce (Troy) of gold is heavier than an ounce of feathers. Graph price over time. Find out about "Karats."