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THE IMPACT OF THE GOLD RUSH ON NATIVE AMERICANS OF CALIFORNIA

SOURCE INVESTIGATION

United Nations (UN) Definition of Genocide:

Genocide means *any* of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group, as such:

- a) killing members of the group;
- b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Central Question: *Do American actions against California Native Americans during the gold rush meet the UN definition of genocide?*

Directions: Write your original hypothesis below.

Original Hypothesis: Based on your prior knowledge, write your first hypothesis (educated guess) to the central question in the box below.

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Directions: Next, read each source and decide if the source provides evidence of genocide in California during the gold rush. Complete the graphic organizer below. Consider whether sources support or contradict your original hypothesis. In the space provided, revise your original hypothesis as necessary based on the evidence you find in each source.

United Nations Definition Component	Relevant Sources	How do the selected sources provide evidence for this component of genocide? Write pertinent quotes or details below.	Hypothesis Revision: Do American actions against California Native Americans during the gold rush meet the United Nations definition of genocide? Below, note any changes you would like to make to your original hypothesis.
Intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group			
a) Killing members of the group			

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b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group			
c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part			
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e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group			
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Summative Assessment

Directions: Construct an argument (detailed outline or essay) that uses the evidence from the graphic organizer to answer the central question: *Do American actions against California Native Americans during the gold rush meet the UN definition of genocide?* Use your final hypothesis as your thesis statement or main idea.