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Political Cartoons

The California Gold Rush



The Granger Collection, New York

The route by sea to California often took up to six months!

Gold-seekers who rushed to California were called forty-niners because the Gold Rush occurred in 1849.

ANALYZING POLITICAL CARTOONS

Study the political cartoon, and then answer the questions that follow.

1. Why are the men on the dock carrying tools?

2. What can you tell about the difficulty of travel to California from the cartoon?

3. Based on the cartoon, what opinion do you think the cartoonist has of the people rushing to California in hopes of finding gold?
