

What Would You Bring?



← When people decided to make the trip out to the gold fields, it often meant leaving behind most of their possessions. Before they left for California, they had to decide which of their personal belongings they could bring with them. Some items were necessary for life – clothing, food, and money – others they brought because it provided entertainment or reminded them of the loved ones they would be leaving behind.

Pretend you're a father from a family of modest means in Boston. You've heard about the gold in California and have decided to seek your fortune out west to better care for your family. However, on the ship you will take to get there, you are only allowed one bag of belongings. What would you take with you? Circle the items below.



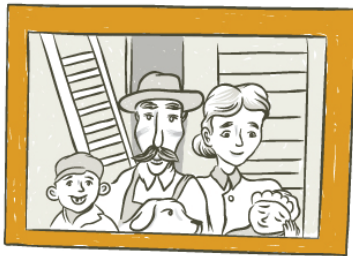
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MEDICINE



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FRAMED FAMILY PHOTO



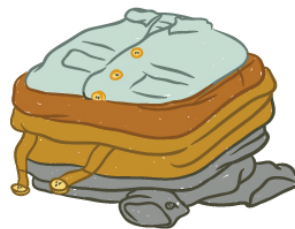
DECK OF CARDS



CANNED FOOD



BLANKET and PILLOW



CLOTHES



PAN FOR GOLD MINING

