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The Klondike Gold Rush (HISTORY) – Scavenger Hunt Questions - All answers are posted in the article

1. When was this nonfiction article first published? _____
2. The Klondike Gold Rush is also known as the Yukon Gold Rush because numerous people rushed to the _____ Yukon Territory and Alaska after gold was discovered there in _____.
3. Over _____ people from all walks of life chose to journey across treacherous, icy valleys and harrowing rocky terrain.
4. Though the Gold Rush invigorated the economy of the “_____” Northwest, it also “_____” the local environment and had a negative impact the locals.
5. George _____, an American prospector, along with Jim _____ and Dawson Charlie who were both “_____” First Nation members” and the first to discover Yukon gold on _____ Creek (which was renamed Bonanza Creek).
6. A stamperder is a person who is _____.
7. Canadian authorities required every stamperder to have a _____ worth of gold mining equipment and supplies. The food alone would be approximately _____ pounds with the total load amounting to a “literal _____ of supplies.”
8. To begin the first leg of the journey to the Yukon Territory, most stampederders traveled by _____ to get to the Alaskan town of _____, then onto the White Pass Trail or to Dyea, and eventually getting to the “_____ Trail”.
9. The White Pass was also known as “_____” Trail since an estimated 3,000 horses died on White Pass.
10. The Chilkoot Trail was known for being steep and having a frozen slope of _____ steps carved in snow and known as the “_____ staircase.”
11. The final leg of the trip was also treacherous forcing prospectors to build or rent _____ as they traveled the last hundreds of miles over the Yukon River to reach _____ City.
12. A mere _____ weary stampederders made their way to Dawson City only to discover that the reports of gold were greatly exaggerated.
13. The local environment suffered from massive soil erosion, _____ contamination, deforestation, and loss of native wildlife.
14. The end of the Klondike Gold Rush occurred in 1899 with the discovery of gold in _____, Alaska.
15. Who is the article’s author? _____