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“Tappan Adney and the Klondike Stampede” by Michael Gates

This article not only provides an overview of the Klondike Gold Rush, it also contains a brief biography of the journalist, Tappan Adney. The article uses descriptive imagery to help the reader understand the lure of finding gold in the Klondike.

1. The first paragraph begins with a description of the search for gold in the Klondike as an adventure that was “epic.” What does epic mean? _____

2. What do you think the author means by the “final frontier” as mentioned in the first paragraph?

3. What figurative language device is used in paragraph 2, “meandering through muskeg and moose”?

4. What is a “muskeg”? _____

5. Figurative language was used in paragraph 4 with the phrase “newly minted men of money.” What figurative language device is this phrase? _____

6. What is “Klondicitis”? _____

7. What is a “Cheechako”? _____

8. According to the article, the use of this portable device made the Klondike the “most heavily documented gold rush ever recorded.” _____

9. What does the word “hordes” mean? _____

10. Tappan Adney was from the state of _____.

11. Adney was described as being a “precocious youth,” what does precocious mean?

12. Adney was a “world authority” on the topic of _____ canoes.

13. The _____ was the title of book chronicling his first-hand experience in the Klondike.

14. Go back to page 2 and up to the first photo on the page. In the caption, what do you suppose a “scow” is?
