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"The Last Great Gold Rush" by Evan Andrews

Read the article and answer the questions as you do so. Refer to the numbered paragraphs on the left-side of the page and notice the highlighted text identified in the article.

1. The first paragraph of the article is **organized** using _____ **text structure**.
2. We learn in this article that Skookum Jim and Tagish Charley were "two Yukon _____" unlike George Carmack, who was an American.
3. Identify the figurative language highlighted in paragraph 1: "dealt myself a royal flush in the game of life,"

4. Identify the figurative language highlighted in paragraph 1: "whole world was a jackpot,"

5. Identify the figurative language device used to begin paragraph 2: "News of the strike spread through the Yukon like wildfire." _____
6. What do you suppose "cache" in paragraph 2 means? _____
7. Can you explain the irony in the fact that the "nearby stream" was known as "Eldorado"? _____

8. Identify the figurative language device used in paragraph 3: "The news immediately whipped the West Coast into a frenzy." _____
9. To try and prevent starvation, the Canadian government required stampeders to do what? _____

10. Identify the figurative language device used in paragraph 5: "herculean task." _____
11. What does the word "swindled" mean? _____
12. What do you suppose the word "carcasses" means? _____
13. "The combined overland trek and river journey often took over a _____" to complete.
14. "Of the estimated 100,000 people who headed north, only around _____ actually made it to the Klondike."

15. The name of the city closest to the gold fields was _____ City; it also became one of the most populous cities in all of Canada.
16. What does the word “squandered” mean? _____
17. In paragraph 7, “Bill Gates” in an _____ (figurative language device) twist, the name also appears as a character from this time period.
18. Identify the figurative language device used in paragraph 7: “famously frittered away a fortune”

19. What was the name of the “richest woman in Dawson” who made her fortune selling her underwear and hot water bottles in the Yukon? _____
20. Name this author who was forced to leave the Yukon with a case of scurvy and no gold but had many experiences in which to write about. _____
21. Name this city which lost over 8,000 residents in just one week following news of a gold strike in Nome, Alaska. _____
22. The Klondike Gold Rush “boom” lasted about _____ years according to historian Pierre Berton.