

# *Mining the Raw Materials for Industry*

## 👤 People and Their Environments

1. Turn to pages 68–69 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at map C, “Mining the West,” and photo A. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Gold and silver were the only minerals found in the West.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Most minerals were found in mountainous areas.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Mining companies often took over from individual miners.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Mining could poison the water and soil.

## ★ Time and Change

2. Look at graph B, “Boom and Bust in Nevada.” Write the year that each statement applies to.
  - a. Population at its height \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Silver found, population jumps. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Few people live in Nevada. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Population the same as 30 years earlier \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Silver prices fall. \_\_\_\_\_

## 👤 Gathering the Facts

3. Look again at map C. Use the information to complete the chart.

Nearest City	State/Territory	Minerals Found
Sacramento		
Coeur d’Alene		
Butte		
	Colorado	
Silver City		

**📍 Location**

4. Look at map D, “Alaska Purchase,” and map F, “Mining the North.” Match the description with the place.

Description	Place
a. Alaska’s neighbor to the east •	• Arctic Circle
b. Alaska’s neighbor to the west •	• Russia
c. Line of latitude that crosses Alaska •	• Bering and Beaufort
d. Seas that surround Alaska •	• Gulf of Alaska
e. Body of water south of Alaska •	• Canada

**📍 Places, Regions, and Landscapes**

5. Look again at maps D and F and photo E. Use the information to complete the following sentences.

- a. Alaska was bought from \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. At the time, Alaska was called “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- c. Alaska is as far from east to west as \_\_\_\_\_ is from \_\_\_\_\_ in the lower 48 states.
- d. Alaska was largely ignored until \_\_\_\_\_ was discovered.
- e. Most miners arrived in Alaska by \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Most of the gold strikes were found along the \_\_\_\_\_ River.

**📍 History Through Maps**

6. Look at map F. Number the places below in the order that gold was found near them.

- a. Klondike \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Nome \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Juneau \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Fairbanks \_\_\_\_\_