The year is 1849, the height of the Gold Rush. This is the story of a young person and their family moving west.

_name_ was excited that his/her _noun_ was moving across the country, he/she had heard the stories of _plural noun_ laying across the _noun_ of California.

He/she helped his/her _family member_ prepare their _adjective_, _color_, _noun_ by loading it up with _plural noun_. They would soon be setting off on their _adjective_ journey.

Weeks turned into months. The trip was _adjective_ and _adjective_. The _plural noun_ they hitched to the _noun_ were keeping a(n) _adjective_ pace. _Same name_ walked alongside his/her _family member_ for most of the trip. The _adjective_ family braved _plural noun_, a _noun_, and dangers of all kind until finally...

THEY MADE IT! _Same name_ _past-tense verb_ as _adjective_ as he/she could in his excitement. However, as they continued through California, _same name_ started to become discouraged...

"Where's all the _plural noun_ we were promised!"

After _duration of time_ of looking for a location to stake their claim, _same name_ _adjective_. He/she sat down on a _noun_ next to a stream and stuck his/her _body part_ in the _noun_ to cool himself/herself off when he/she noticed a glimmer of something in the _noun_...

"_exclamation point_!!! A _noun_!!"

_Same name_'s _adjective_ demeanor had suddenly returned.

"Maybe this was all worth it after all."

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EUREKA!!

This is a reference story for the above Mad Lib.

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Jimmy was excited that his family was moving across the country, he had heard the stories of GOLD lying across the land of California.

He helped his father prepare their new, brown, covered wagon by loading it up with supplies. They would soon be setting off on their long journey.

Weeks turned into months. The trip was long and difficult. The donkeys they hitched to the wagon were keeping a steady pace. Jimmy walked alongside his sister for most of the trip. The small family braved mountains, wild animals, a desert, and dangers of all kind until finally...

THEY MADE IT! Jimmy hollered as loudly as he could in his excitement. However, as they continued through California, Jimmy started to become discouraged...

"Where's all the GOLD we were promised!"

After days of looking for a location to stake their claim, Jimmy was exhausted. He sat down on a rock next to a stream and stuck his hands in the water to cool himself off when he noticed a glimmer of something in the water...

"EUREKA!!! A GOLD NUGGET!!"

Jimmy's enthusiastic demeanor had suddenly returned.

"Maybe this was all worth it after all."