

Creative Writing: Participating in the North Carolina Gold Rush

Assignment:

Based on what you have learned regarding the North Carolina gold rush, choose one of the following options to show your understanding in a creative way. ***Copy the option at the top of your paper so you have the directions!**

Assume the persona of...	Write... (OPTIONS)
Conrad Reed	A first person account of discovering the nugget while fishing, realizing 3 years later that it is gold, panning for more, and the affect of all of this on your family and your daily life
Matthias Barringer	A first person account about your discovery, its affect on North Carolina, and your feelings about and experience in the NC gold industry
Humphrey Bissell or Count Vincent de Rivafinoli	A first person account detailing your position as a mine owner
Immigrant miner	A first person account of your day-to-day life working in NC mining/panning for gold
Newspaper reporter	An article detailing the NC gold rush in 1800s NC; this can include "quotes" from North Carolinians you "interview"
Artist	A sketch book of artwork and detailed captions (at least 10 pictures and captions) illustrating and describing the NC gold rush
Narrator	A story about the NC gold rush; this can be fictional or non-fiction, but your story must show your understanding of the NC gold rush
Choose any of the characters above (at least 2 or more)	A play about the NC gold rush; this can be fictional or non-fiction, but your story must show your understanding of the NC gold rush in a dramatic scene
Creative author	A "tall-tale" set in 1800s North Carolina that is about the NC gold rush

Regardless of your choice, your writing must:

- * Contain facts regarding the North Carolina gold rush, showing your understanding of its affect on the people, economy, and geography of the state.
- Be creative and well organized (beginning, middle, and end).
- Be at least 2 paragraphs or 1 page in length.
- Use correct mechanics (spelling, punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, etc.).