

The New Zealand Gold Rushes — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Gold was found in Otago and on the West Coast in the 1860s.
- Thousands of miners rushed in, hoping to strike it rich.
- Many came from Australia, Britain and China.
- Towns boomed, then shrank when the gold ran out.

Key vocabulary

- Prospector — someone searching for gold.
- Rush — a sudden movement of many people.
- Boomtown — a town that grows quickly.
- Migrant — a person who moves to a new country.

A rush north and south

The gold rushes brought people from around the world and helped grow New Zealand's young towns and economy.

Chinese miners

Many Chinese miners came to the goldfields, working hard despite often facing unfair treatment.