**British Columbia Joins Canada**

Read pages 36-37 in your textbook to get some ideas about how the gold rushes helped to get British Columbia to become part of Canada.

BIG QUESTION: How did the gold rushes help to get British Columbia to become part of Canada?

1. Where in British Columbia were the Fraser and Cariboo gold rushes (see figure 3.11, page 37)
2. List three problems that the Fraser River gold rush caused:
3. What do ***prospectors*** do?
4. What do you think a ***nugget*** is? (no, I’m not talking about chicken…)
5. The Fraser River gold rush did not last long. Why did some of the prospectors stick around after the rush was over?
6. How did Barkerville get its name?
7. Look at figure 3.9 on page 36. After British Columbia became a province, the Canadian Pacific Railway had to build a railroad to Vancouver. What problems do you think the railroad builders faced?
8. In both gold rushes, the majority of the prospectors were American. Why did this worry the British?
9. How did the British control the prospectors?
10. How do you think people who were not prospectors got rich during the gold rushes?
11. How did Amor de Cosmos get rich?

Answer the BIG QUESTION: How did the gold rushes help to get British Columbia to become part of Canada?

*Part 2: Lively characters in Canadian History*

Look up the following people:

Amor de Cosmos (aka Bill Smith)

Billy Barker

Sir James Douglas

Judge Matthew Begbie

Lady Amelia Douglas

For each one, find out:

Why he/she was important or interesting in Canadian history.