Chapter 6: Montana’s Gold and Silver Boom: 1862-1893
Section 1, “Three Major Strikes in Montana” (P. 101-109)

Matching: Write the name (or names) of the people who first discovered gold at each site listed below.

1. Deer Lodge Valley: ________________________________________________
2. Gold Creek: _____________________________________________________
3. Bannack (Grasshopper Creek): ____________________________________
4. Alder Gulch: _____________________________________________________
5. Last Chance Gulch: _____________________________________________

As You Read: Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

⑥ Describe the economic pattern that gold brought to Montana. ________________________________________________________________

⑦ How did merchants and farmers participate in the gold rush? ______________________________________________________________

⑧ Describe the process of placer mining. ________________________________________________________________

⑨ Which road did miners and supplies coming from other gold rushes travel on? Which towns did the road connect? ________________________________________________________________

Find the correct answer: Circle the answer that best completes the sentence. Many are not key terms.

⑩ When a miner found a large amount of gold it was called a (placer, scad)

⑪ Most towns needed a/an (assayer, bank) to determine the value of gold.

⑫ The social centers for most young men in gold towns were the dance halls and the (saloons, churches).

⑬ At first, (local tribes, freight trains) supplied most of the miners food, but as time passed local farmers and ranchers supplied their food.

⑭ (Fur trappers, gold miners) greatly disrupted the lives of Native Americans by building towns in their territory, plowing up the bison’s grazing land and cutting off their access to land and water.