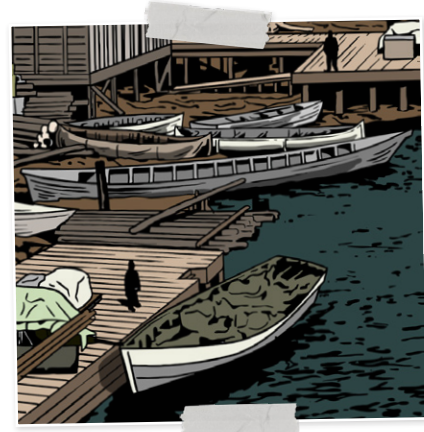


DOCUMENT A

SHAAW TLÁA'S (KATE CARMACK) STORY

NAME: _____



BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Shaaw Tláa (Kate Carmack) was a Tagish First Nation woman. She was Skookum Jim's sister and the wife of George Carmack. She was present when gold was discovered in the Klondike in 1896.

WORD BANK

Gold: A yellow precious metal that is naturally found in the Earth and is considered valuable.

Pan: A small pan used to wash sand or soil in water to separate out small pieces of gold.

“One night I met George. He tell me how he walk about all over big, frozen country many, many moons and he tell me how he never find so much as one little piece of great gold which make his heart glad.

Then I tell him how my brothers, Skookum Jim and Tagish Charlie, have found a place where they get much gold, and I tell him how they go and bring me back necklace all made out of little gold stones. When I see George's eye grow bright by light of moon and when he press my hand with his big strong hands, I take one, two, three gold stones and show them to him. George look at them and his eyes grow big. He swear he love Kate. Then comes wedding and plenty much to eat.

Then me tell my brothers, Skookum Jim and Tagish Charlie, that George know where gold is. They very mad, but me no care. Me love George.

Then when summer came, we make peace with Skookum Jim and Tagish Charlie, and one day all start together to place where gold is. One day we came to Rabbit creek and George he lay down and sleep. While he sleep I fill pan with sand and put it beside him. He wake up and see **pan** and wash out dirt and in it is gold. George glad.”

Source: “Kate's Story,” *The Semi-Weekly Nugget*, November 11, 1900.

DOCUMENT A – GUIDING QUESTIONS

Who was Kate Carmack?

When was the article published?

What was happening in Yukon when Kate shared this account?



What about the source makes it good evidence for answering the Essential Question?

What about the source might limit its usefulness as evidence for answering the Essential Question?

What does Kate's account reveal about the discovery of gold?





Photo Source: *Kate Carmack. The Discoverer of the Klondye [Klondyke]*. Circa 1918. Yukon Archives.

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