

HANDOUT ACTIVITY PAPER

Our Journey Fact Sheet

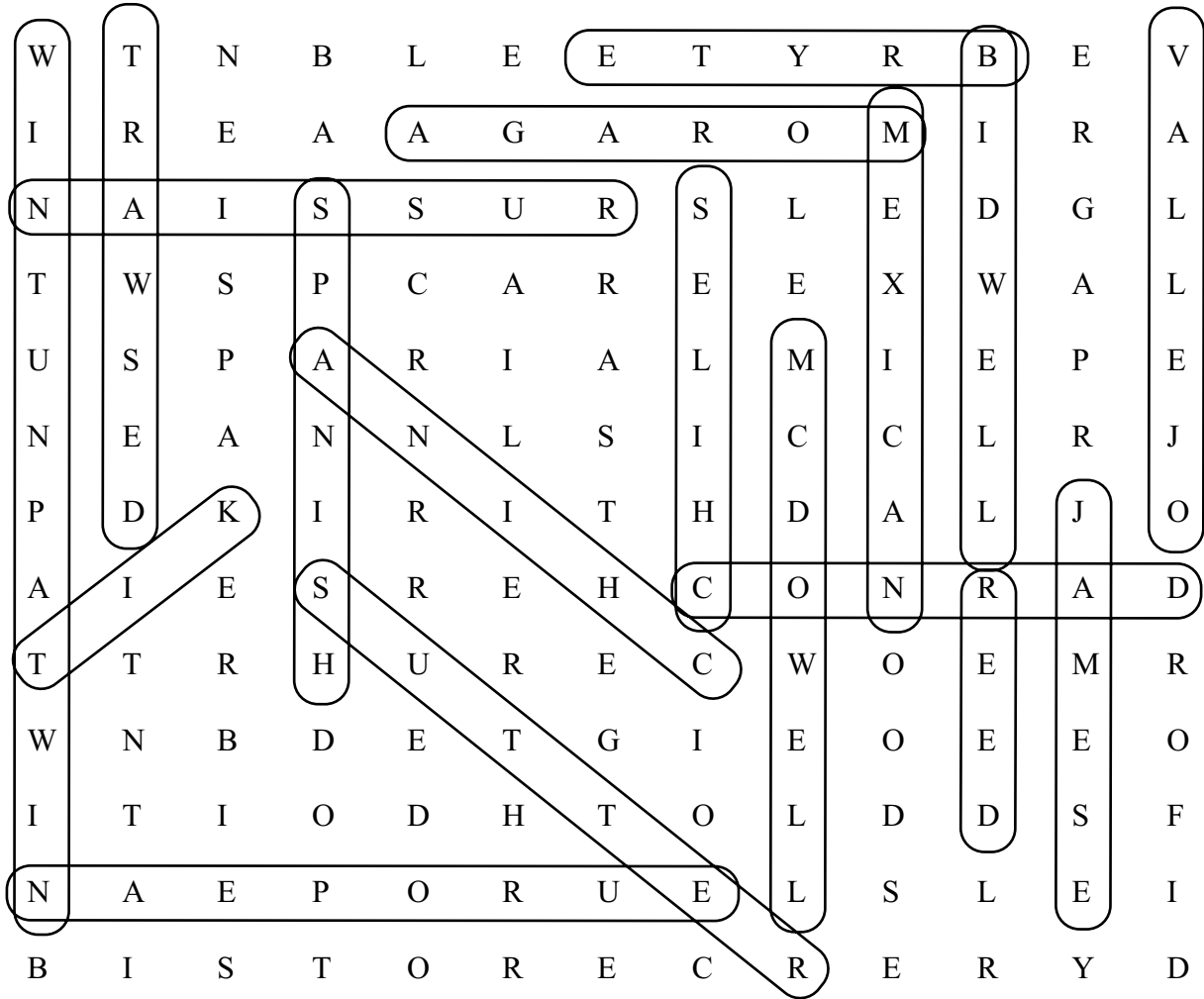
Read each sentence and write the answer on the line.

1. As early as 10,000 years ago, the first inhabitants to this region were California Indians.
2. The word Patwin translates to “ the people ” or southern Wintun.
3. The California Native population before 1540 was estimated 300,000.
4. The Patwin made baskets, nets, boats, and shelters from tule.
5. In 1833 and 1837, malaria and smallpox epidemics decimated the 20,000 population of the Sacramento Valley.
6. English privateer, Francis Drake recorded as first European to make contact with California Indians.
7. In 1800, Missions Dolores, San Jose and Sonoma begin recruiting Patwin from Yolo County area.
8. In 1822, Mexico wins control of California from Spain.
9. John Sutter arrives in Sacramento Valley.
10. In 1841, Bartleson - Bidwell became first American emigrant wagon train to cross from Missouri to California.
11. Margaret McDowell began selling real estate plots in the year 1849. This area later became “ Town of Washington ”, now called Broderick.
12. In 1850 J. C. Davis opens first dairy in Washington.
13. In 1851, the town of Washington becomes county seat of government.
14. Washington Post Office was opened in 1854.
15. In 1856, West Sacramento’s public school was established. It was called Washington Public School District.

Answers can be found on West Sacramento Historical Society website:

<http://www.westsachistoricalsociety.org>

Find a culture, individual, or family came to the Sacramento Valley before 1870.



- ~~Winton~~ ~~Patwin~~ ~~Russian~~ ~~Spanish~~ ~~Mexican~~ ~~Sutter~~ ~~Conrad~~
- ~~McDowell~~ ~~Reed~~ ~~Vallejo~~ ~~Chiles~~ ~~China~~ ~~Moraga~~
- ~~European~~ ~~Bidwell~~ ~~James~~ ~~Bryte~~ ~~Kit~~ ~~de Swart~~

Early Pioneers of West Sacramento

1. What was the name of the first settler? What year did they settle?
Jan Lows de Swart (John Schwartz. 1844
2. How many acres did James McDowell purchase? **600**
3. Who opened and operated the first ferry system to Sacramento City?
In 1849, J.C. , J.B., and Kit Chiles open the first ferry crossing near what is now the "T" Street Bridge.