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### Klondike Gold Rush: A Tale of Two Trails 608

The Six-Minute Solution, Sopris West

Between 1896 and 1900, nearly 100,000 people rushed to Alaska and the Yukon Territory. The reason? Gold of course! The **(word)** that gold had been discovered in **(the)** Yukon River traveled quickly across the **(United)** States. People from all walks of **(life)** set out to find their fortune. **(Unfortunately)**, gold-seeking was a dangerous undertaking. It **(is)** estimated that only 40,000 of 100,000 actually made **(the)** trip to Dawson gold fields. Once **(there)**, only 10 percent of them found gold.

**(Gold)** seekers had two choices to get **(to)** the Dawson Chilkoot and the White **(Pass)**. The Chilkoot Pass was too steep **(for)** horses, so men who could not **(afford)** horses often took this trail. The **(Canadian)** Mounties required that each miner bring **(a)** year's worth of supplies. A **(year)**'s worth of supply could weigh **(as)** much as one ton. Without these **(supplies)**, miners were not allowed to cross. **(Consequently)**, gold seekers had to strap heavy **(packs)** on their backs and drag loaded **(dog)** sleds and canoes as they hiked **(along)**. It took the men many backbreaking **(trips)** over the pass to haul their **(supplies)**. Once over the pass, miners had **(to)** build boats and travel down rushing **(rapids)** to finally reach the gold fields. **(Many)** men turned back along the way.

**(The)** White Pass trail was the other **(route)** to the gold fields. Since the **(White)** Pass was not too steep as **(the)** Chilkoot Pass trail, pack animals were **(allowed)** on this trail. Sadly, the trail **(proved)** to be too much for these **(animals)** to bear. Three thousand animals died **(and)** were abandoned along this trail. The **(White)** Pass became known as Dead Horse **(Trail)**.



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