*Klondike Gold Rush Letter Home*

1. Review your notes about the Klondike Gold Rush (1897 – 1900)

2. Choose to be either a prospector, businessman, or even a criminal!

3. Write a ONE PAGE letter to someone back home. You can write about one or more of the following:

1. being on the dock in Seattle or Portland when the discovery was announced.
2. boarding a steamer for the Klondike
3. arriving in Skagway
4. starting the Chilkoot Trail
5. arriving at the Golden Stairs
6. arriving at Lake Bennett and building a boat
7. surviving the rapids on the Yukon River
8. reaching Dawson
9. going to Nome for the next gold rush
10. deciding to return home

*Include as many details about this event – the conditions, opportunities, and dangers – as you can. Be creative. Be interesting. Use inspired vocabulary to convey a vivid image to your reader. Do not plagiarize any part of your letter.*

Rubric:

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| **60-69** | **70-79** | **80-89** | **90-100** |
| Letter demonstrates little or no understanding of the Gold Rush and little information about conditions, opportunities, or dangers. Letter contains many grammatical errors that detract from the content. Letter is typed.  | Letter demonstrates some understanding of the Gold Rush and some information on conditions, opportunities, or dangers. Letter contains some grammatical errors that may detract from the content. Letter is typed.  | Letter demonstrates a clear understanding of the Gold Rush with specific details about conditions, opportunities and dangers. Letter contains few grammatical errors. Letter is creative. Letter is typed.  | Letter demonstrates a strong understanding of the Gold Rush with multiple specific details about conditions, opportunities, and dangers. Letter contains no significant grammatical errors. Letter is creative and has a distinct or unique style. Letter is typed.  |