**Gold Rush Task Exemplar**

**Prompt: The authors of “Klondike Gold Rush” and “A Woman Who Went to Alaska” and the narrator of “City of Gold” are discussing the same topic but are using different points of view. How does each person’s point of view shape the reader’s understanding of the miner’s lives? Use details from each source to support your answer.**

Many people risked their lives in order to seek riches and gold, only to find challenges along the way. During the late 1800s, many people joined, what was called, the Klondike Gold Rush in order to "be rich". This story is told in the article "Klondike Gold Rush", the passage A Woman Who Went to Alaska, and the video City of Gold. The people's points of view in these sources are different, but share a same idea of the Klondike Gold Rush which helps a reader better understand the idea using those different perspectives. Mainly, the ideas of these sources is to tell readers of the difficult situations that miners had to face during that time where they believed they could "be rich".

Klondike Gold Rush tells mainly the story of the time, and the difficulties it took to find really "nothing". It starts off saying "The Klondike gold rush began in July of 1897 when two ships docked in San Francisco and Seattle carrying miners returning from the Yukon with bags of gold." to introduce the reader of the setting, and make it seem like the gold rush was big. So afterwards, many miners join the trip to find gold and become "rich" beyond their wildest dreams, or so they thought. It continues off saying "Most stampeders [miners] knew little or nothing about where they were going" and "[pamphlets] made outrageous claims of wealth to be had by everyone." to give the reader a better understanding of what these miners were in for and how it would lead to struggles. So, the story then shows that there were many routes to take in order to get to Dawson City, including easiest and most difficult routes. The author uses words words like "horrendous" and "perilous journey" to describe the difficult journey of bad conditions and obstacles. But worst of all, the artcle ends to what is "disappointment" when the survivors reached Dawson City, and it said "Many stampeders headed home", "The work that was necessary to retrieve the gold was incredible.", and "merchents and profiteers who took advantage of those who hoped to 'get rich quick.'" to show readers the dangerous things it took just to find disappointment.

In A Woman Who Went to Alaska, it takes a differnt perspective of teh Klondike gold rush as to focusing on how the riches described were very exaggerated. The story talks about how the government took advantage of miners who seeked to become rich, which gives the reader a better understanding of the disappointing conditions these miners had to face. The author starts of talking about the gold rush, but how the Candian government has taken advantageof it. It says "The Canadian Dominion government is very oppresive.", "The officials seize it [land that is confirmed to contain gold]", and "One half of all mining lands is reserved for the crown" to show readers how gold was really never for the miners, it was for the government. This point of view gives readers an idea of the unfairness and control that the government had, just to get something out of it. The story also explains some of the strict laws that were established such as "'Any one going into the country has no right to cut wood for any purpose, or to kill game or catch any fish" whichs adds up to the main idea. Pretty much, the story explains how miners had no real "say" in the gold they found and how they had to face so many laws that were unecessary or unfair.

To continue, the video City of Gold focuses more on the trip that miners took in order to find gold during the Klondike Gold Rush. As said, the speaker is the son of one of those miners, making him have a certain point of view on the subject. He talks about the journey, challenges, and dangers it took. He says "They all had one idea. They were on their way to Klondike to shovel up gold" to show why these miners to the dangerous plunge. The video also includes images of the men who climbed mountains in the worst conditions just to seek riches as shown when the speaker says "You had to pack a ton of goods up this terrible 45 degree slope of sheer ice". This shows viewers that it was no pretty road trip up those mountains, and that it was a risk to take. Finally, the video also explains that it was hard, and it took persistence to continue, as the video ends. Overall, the speaker explains the things his father had to go through, that stayed in his memory until the day he died.

In conclusion, this all shows that even though there are different points of view, they all explain the same thing... that the Klondike Gold Rsuh was no picnic and that it was challenging, unfair, and difficult. It gives readers a more clearer idea of this time using these perspectives. It signifies the things that miners went through just to seek their "false" riches. It shows that history was never fair, like life may be today, but that is how life works. That the past cannot be affected or "what is done is done". Finally, this explains that these ideas and points of view all led to the big idea and help contribute to the reader's understanding