

## **Summary: “The adventures of the Forty-niners”**

In 1849, many people travelled to California to find gold and get rich. There were many groups with big wagons and in one of them was Louis Nusbaumer, a German man writing a journal of the trip. Up to the Rockies everything went well, but then there were rougher routes and the most groups only had a few wagons in Salt Lake City, where most groups gathered. Nearly all groups decided to go to Los Angeles first and then to San Francisco with Captain Hunt, because it is a safe way, but Louis Nusbaumer decided to take the dangerous short cut. In December 1849, they were in a desert and wished they were going with hunt. Nusbaumer changed the group and stayed a while at a friendly Indian family. Then, they came into Death Valley and it was a really hard time, because of the heat and the missed water. After the dead of an ox, they had to throw away belongings and a little later, they found a spring, stayed there and sent out two men searching for help. But the two men came back very late and Nusbaumer has left a short time ago. Now all groups travelled to Los Angeles, where Nusbaumer in March 1950 and the other groups a little later arrived. Then they travelled to San Francisco and reached their goal. Only four Forty-niners taking the short cut died and some of them even got rich.