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San Francisco: timeline & quiz

1. Read the timeline carefully.
2. Then try to answer the quiz (True/ False) without looking at the timeline.
3. Justify each answer. Use the timeline if you need.

A SAN FRANCISCO TIMELINE

- 1542** A Spanish expedition "discovered" the S.F. Bay. Over 10,000 natives, the Ohlone, lived there.
- 1776** The site of Mission Dolores was dedicated to San Francisco de Asis.
- 1846** The United States declared war on Mexico and later took possession of San Francisco.
- 1848** The Gold Rush started in San Francisco.
- 1849** Beginning of the six Great Fires (1849 to 1851).
- 1850** California became the 31st state in the USA.
- 1861** Alcatraz fort became the official U.S. Army prison for the western states.
- 1869** The first westbound train arrived in San Francisco.
- 1870** San Francisco was the 10th largest city in the United States.
- 1873** Jacob Davis designed the first Levi jeans.
- 1906** An earthquake (magnitude 7.8) destroyed much of the city: about 700 people died.
- 1910** Angel Island became a point of entry to the USA for immigrants, many of them Chinese.
- 1915** First transcontinental telephone conversation by Alexander Graham Bell from New York.
- 1920** First transcontinental airmail flight from New York.
- 1937** The Golden Gate Bridge was officially opened.
- 1950** The 49ers only won three games in their NFL (National Football League) debut.
- 1978** A gay supervisor and the mayor were killed. Riots followed when the killer was sentenced.
- 1989** A 7.1 magnitude earthquake occurred along the San Andreas Fault and hit Bay Area.
- 2009** San Francisco is the 13th largest city in the USA (800,000 inhabitants).

SAN FRANCISCO TIMELINE: QUIZ

- a. San Francisco got its name when the USA declared its independence. True False
→ _____
- b. San Francisco used to be a Mexican possession. True False
→ _____
- c. San Francisco's relative size in the USA has decreased from 1870 to 2001. True False
→ _____
- d. The city hosts many symbols and has often been symbolic. True False
→ _____
- e. San Franciscans are used to natural and other catastrophes. True False
→ _____
- f. San Francisco was considered the Western equivalent of New York. True False
→ _____
- g. Minorities have played an important part in the city's history. True False
→ _____