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## Nuggets of Nonsense: The Gold Rush Family Saga

### Short Answer Key

1. The Thompsons' sense of humor helped them cope with challenges, see the absurdity in their situations, and maintain their positive outlook.
2. When they thought they had found gold, they discovered it was fool's gold—a mineral with no real value.
3. After their gold disappointment, the Thompsons decided to stay in California and open a bakery because they realized that their bond and happiness as a family were more valuable than wealth.
4. Mrs. Thompson became famous for her pies, which were renowned throughout San Francisco.
5. The phrase "nuggets of nonsense" refers to the comical and absurd moments in the Thompsons' Gold Rush adventure that brought laughter and joy to their lives.

