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Australia's Golden Timeline

In your notebook, reorder the dates below to create a timeline of important events in Australia's golden history

- 1854 Gold miners rebel at the Eureka Stockade.
- 1997 314 tonnes of gold produced in Australia (Compared with 20 tonnes in the 1970s.)
- 1823 Australia's first officially recorded gold find. Flakes of gold in the Fish River, N.S.W.
- 1869 'Welcome Stranger' nugget weighing about 70 kg revealed by wheel of passing cart, Victoria.
- 1888 Major find by Thomas Risely & Mick Toomey at Southern Cross. W.A. - named after the constellation.
- Dec. 1851 Important discoveries at Ballarat and Bendigo, Victoria.
- 1934 Goldrush to the Northern Territory.
- 1899 Perth Mint opened to profit from Australia's richest goldfield at Kalgoorlie, W.A.
- 1892 Bayley and Ford discover important gold deposits at Coolgardie, W.A.
- Feb. 1851 Major gold deposits found at Hill End near Bathurst, N.S.W.
- 2005 Australia exports \$5,642 million worth of gold.
- 1885 First gold discovery in Western Australia at Halls Creek.
- 1971 Major gold find at Telfer in the East Pilbara, W.A.
- 1872 World's largest piece of gold-bearing material (mixture of slate and gold weighing 235 kg) found at Hill End, N.S.W.
- 1887 First significant find at Cue on the Murchison goldfield, W.A.
- 1870 Rich gold deposits found in North Queensland.
- 1893 Paddy Hannan discovers gold at Kalgoorlie, W.A.

Use the information in the table to answer the following questions in your workbook:

1. Which state was the first to officially record the discovery of gold?
2. How many tonnes of gold did Australia produce in 1997? Compare this to the late 1970s?
3. What was the value of the gold exported from Australia in 2005?
4. What did the Victorian gold nugget 'Welcome Stranger' weigh? Compare this with **your** weight.
5. Who discovered the Coolgardie deposits?
6. Was the Eureka Stockade rebellion before or after the Coolgardie discovery?
7. In which century did the Northern Territory goldrush occur?