

# Shine Bright 4e - File 10 Ghost towns

## Gold and silver towns, p. 100 – 101

### Bodie

Established as a mining camp in 1859, Bodie boomed after sizable<sup>1</sup> gold discoveries during the 1870s. The town was in decline by the 1910s; the newspaper ceased publication in 1912, and the railway was abandoned in 1918. The last mine closed in 1942.

**1.** important

### Bannack

Founded in 1862, Bannack was briefly the capital of Montana. Up to 10,000 people lived in the surrounding area, hoping to make their fortune in gold, but by 1870 all the easy-to-reach<sup>1</sup> ore<sup>2</sup> was gone and the population rapidly declined to the hundreds. [...] Today, about 60 intact structures remain.

**1.** facile à obtenir **2.** Minerai

## Saint-Elmo

This well-preserved ghost town attracted over 2,000 residents by the 1880s, when gold and silver mining were at their peak<sup>1</sup>. [...] Poor quality ore sent the town into decline by the end of the decade<sup>2</sup>. [...] The industry abandoned the town for good in 1936.

**1.** maximum **2.** period of ten years

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## Sheldon Shufelt, Doc 3 p. 103

Placerville, California, 1850

Many, very many, that come here meet with bad success & thousands will leave their bones<sup>1</sup> here. Others will lose their health, contract diseases that they will carry to their graves<sup>2</sup> with them. Some will have to beg<sup>3</sup> their way home, & probably one half that come here will never make enough to carry them back. [...] There is a good deal<sup>4</sup> of sin & wickedness<sup>5</sup> here, stealing, lying, swearing, drinking, going on gambling<sup>6</sup> & murdering. [...] We are trying to get laws here to regulate things but it will be very difficult to get them executed.

Sheldon Shufelt

1. die 2. tombes 3. Supplier

4. a lot of 5. bad things 6. jouer de l'argent

## Instagram post, Doc 2 p. 104

**Bannackstatepark** Bannack's annual Ghost Walks are here! Join the crew for a walk back through the more ghoulish<sup>1</sup> and macabre events of Bannack's Past, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Shows are at 7 pm and 9 pm, and tickets are required.

\$15 for 13 years and older, \$10 for 12 and under.

112 likes

September 10

Instagram post by Bannack State Park (2022).

**1.** scary

## Letters, Doc 1 p. 105

Dear Bodie... I'm sorry that I took this piece of metal from the town. I thought it was all a joke but it wasn't at all. Things are happening that are very hard to explain.

Dear Bodie,

Sorry I took the glass pieces. I thought they were pretty. My fish died the day after.

Please find enclosed one weatherbeaten<sup>1</sup> old shoe. The shoe was removed from Bodie during the month of August 1978... My trail<sup>2</sup> of misfortune is so long and depressing it can't be listed here

Letters received by Bodie State Historic Park (2002-2003).

1. used 2. Parcours

## Compréhension de l'écrit, p. 111

Along the desert drive to Las Vegas sits the famous silver mining ghost town known as Calico Ghost Town.

Calico is an Old West mining town that has been around since 1881 during the most significant silver strike<sup>1</sup> in California.

It had well over 500 mines and produced over \$20 million in silver ore over a 12-year time span<sup>2</sup>. In the mid-1890s, silver lost its value, and so Calico also lost its population.

Today, the park is open for mine tours, gunfight shows, and gold panning<sup>3</sup>. Other highlights include the Calico & Odessa Railroad, an old mining building you can actually go into, and various shops.

Calico is a great place to spend a few hours of your day road-tripping to Death Valley National Park or Las Vegas. It is open daily and requires an entrance fee.

travelswithelle.com, October 2022

1. discovery 2. period 3. searching