



When you see words in a gold panel,

try to read them on your own.

GOLD

Sarah Fleming

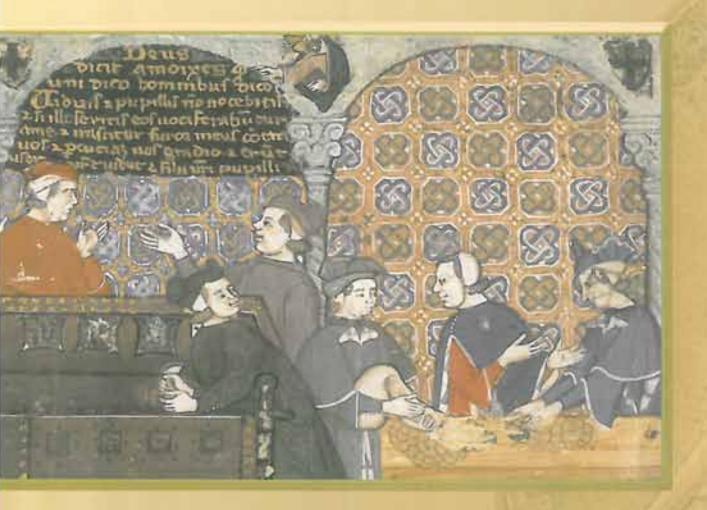
Introduction	2
Shiny	4
Soft	6
Bendy	8
Gold Lasts Forever	9
Gold Conducts Electricity	10
Gold Conducts and Reflects Heat	11
Gold Is Money	12
Gold Is Rare	14

Find	ing Gold	15
	Mali	15
	Ghana	16
	United States	18
	South Africa	19
Pani	ning for Gold	20
Five	Facts about Gold	21
The	Midas Touch	22
Lool	k Back and Index	23
Glos	ssary	24



Introduction

The word *gold* comes from an **Anglo-Saxon** word for yellow – *gelo*.



Other languages have words for gold that sound nearly the same: *Gold* (German), *Guld* (Danish), *Gulden* (Dutch), *Gull* (Norwegian), and *Kulta* (Finnish).



Gold is used for lots of things. It has many useful properties. It:

- is shiny
- is soft
- is bendy
- lasts forever
- conducts electricity
- conducts and reflects heat.



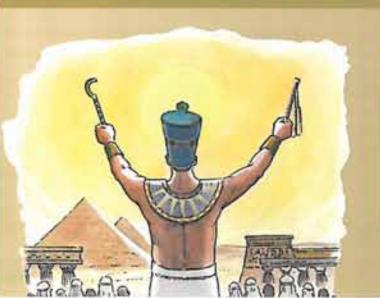


There is not much gold in the world. People want it because it is rare, and this also makes it expensive.



Shiny

Gold is shiny. It is a warm color like the sun. People have always worn gold as jewelry because it is shiny.



The ancient Egyptians thought the sun was a god. They thought their king, the pharaoh, was a god too. The king wore gold to look like the sun.