

1. Title / Content Area:	Stanley Hotel: Tourism and Building in the West
2. Historic Site:	Stanley Hotel
3. Episode:	https://www.pbs.org/video/colorado-experience-stanley-hotel/
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4. Grade Level and Standards:	6-8: 6th: History 1.1, 1.2, Geography 2.1, 2.2 7th: History 1.1, 1.2, Geography 2.1, 2.2, Civics 4.1 8th: History 1.1, 1.2, Geography 2.1
5. Assessment Question(s):	Why does the Stanley hotel play an iconic role in the landscape of upper Estes Park and the region as a whole?
6. Contextual Paragraph	F.O. Stanley was an inventor and a visionary for his time. After coming to Colorado because of health reasons, he not only established and built the iconic Stanley Hotel, but was responsible for the development of the site of Estes Park as well through his involvement in the development of the road systems, financing the water system, and launching a major advertising campaign to bring tourists to the city via motor coaches which traveled through the canyon from Estes Park. Known as a resort hotel, the Stanley was a “draw” to tourists from across the nation who were looking for a comfortable and luxurious way to travel in the Colorado Rockies at the turn of the century. The hotel has been a host to contemporary travelers and moviemakers and is known today as the setting for the movie based on Stephen King's novel <i>The Shining</i> .
7. Connection to Historic Preservation	Today, the hotel remains prominent in the built environment of Estes Park and exhibits Georgian style architecture with a red roof that is meant to blend in with the Rocky Mountains. It was originally listed in the National Register of Historic Places in May of 1977, and the nomination was updated to make a larger National Register District in 1985.



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Document Based Question (DBQ)

Document Set

View of the Hotel Stanley in Estes Park, Colorado (completed in 1909)



<http://cdm16079.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p15330coll22/id/10725/rec/20>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of setting was the Stanley Hotel built in? Describe it in detail.
2. Why was it built in this setting in Estes Park?
3. Does the historic hotel blend in with the setting or not? Explain.
4. What made the hotel unique to Colorado?


View of a Billboard on the Boulder - Longmont Road in Denver, Colorado




<http://cdm16079.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15330coll22/id/84389>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. How was the Stanley Hotel portrayed to visitors who were visiting the region?
2. What would be attractive to visitors who wanted to come to the Stanley?
3. How does the wording and picture on the billboard portray an image of grandeur in the Rocky Mountains?
4. What are the two populations of tourists that the Stanley hotel is catering to?

The Stanley Hotel in Estes Park	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In your opinion, how does this building fit into the landscape of Estes Park? Or not? 2. Why would an architect build a building like this in the Rocky Mountains? 3. What architectural features are of note? 4. How does this building compare to other buildings typically found in Estes Park? in Colorado?
	
https://lcn.loc.gov/2015633407	

The Stanley Hotel Historic Register Nomination	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is this site significant? 2. What does the historic nomination say about the role that it has played in Estes Park and the larger role it has played in Colorado? 3. What are some of the architectural features of the site?
	
http://focus.nps.gov/nrhp/AssetDetail?assetID=177d3c4b-5ce8-471b-817d-78afa468700b	

Stanley Hotel Image of Tourists/Citizens on Horseback



<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15330coll21/id/5944>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Examine these visitors to the Stanley Hotel. Why would they come to visit this hotel on vacation?
2. How does visiting this hotel give a sense of “being in the west” to those who have not been to Colorado before?
3. Look at a contemporary picture of the Stanley hotel online. is this a scene you would see today? Why or why not?

Assessment Question
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Response