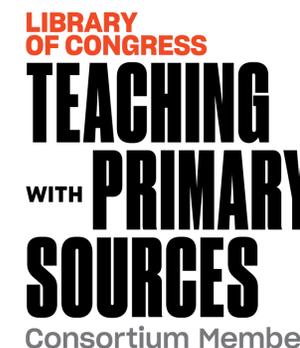


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Historic Site:	Glen Eyrie District
Episode	<a href="#">Glen Eyrie</a>
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Grade Level and Standards:	<p><i>Grade Level: 3-5</i></p> <p>Content in this Document Based Question ( DBQ ) link to Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards <i>Prepared Graduate Competencies: 1, 2, and 4</i></p> <p>Colorado Standards: 3rd: History Standard 1 GLE 2. 4th: History Standard 1 GLE 2. 5th: Geography Standard 2 GLE 2</p> <p><i>C3 Standards in Social Studies:</i> <i>D2.Geo.2.3-5.</i> <i>D2.Geo.4.3-5.</i> <i>D2.Geo.5.3-5. D2.His.2.3-5. D2.His.3.3-5.</i></p>
Assessment Question:	How was General William Palmer innovative in the design of the Glen Eyrie district and house at the turn of the century?
Contextual Paragraph	The Glen Eyrie Castle and district is the historic residence of General William Jackson Palmer, the founder of the city of Colorado Springs, Colorado and the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad (D&RG), as well as famous for the use of the narrow gauge railroad in Colorado. He expanded both the north south lines for the Denver Rio Grande Railway, but also expanded the Denver Rio Grande Western Railway to Utah to reach the rich mining communities and copper mines in the west. It was during this time that he purchased land at the mouth of a canyon to establish a residence for himself and his family. Palmer was committed to open space, and



	<p>over his lifetime donated over 2000 acres of land for parks and open spaces for the Colorado Springs community.</p> <p>The original residence on the property was a 20 room clapboard house that was later expanded and renovated to include the stone castle, outbuildings such as the gatehouse and schoolhouse. The complex is large and was considered to be a cultural hub for the city of Colorado Springs when it was established by Palmer.</p> <p>The Palmer family travelled frequently because of the General's work. Mrs. Palmer (Queen) eventually settled on the east coast and in Europe due to the inability to live at high altitudes due to a heart condition. After she passed away, the Palmer daughters moved to Colorado Springs and Glen Eyrie to be with their father. The General had little time to enjoy the residence after its completion as he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident and died shortly thereafter, only living in the completed castle for a little over three years.</p>	
<p>Connection to Historic Preservation</p>	<p>Palmer's legacy in the state of Colorado was immense, and his history, particularly in the Colorado Springs Region, remains today. Glen Eyrie was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, with an overview of the English Tudor style house itself and carriage house being the core portion of the nomination. In 2016, the nomination was amended to include many additional contributing buildings. This amendment created a more comprehensive picture of the district. Today the complex is privately owned by the Navigators, and is open for tours, appointments, and special events throughout the year.</p>	

# Document Based Question (DBQ)

## Document Set

Glen Eyrie Original Residence



### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. This image reflects the first home built at Glen Eyrie. What do you notice about the materials used to construct the home?
2. What is the setting of the home? Describe it.
3. Why would Palmer and his family want to live in this setting compared to an urban area?
4. Is this size of house normal for this time period? Why or why not?

<https://digital.denverlibrary.org/digital/collection/p15330coll22/id/2390/>

Glen Eyrie Castle Exterior Image



### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Analyze the image. What materials were used to construct this building?
2. Why do you suppose this home would have an English Tudor look to it?
3. Based on just this image alone, do you feel the house belongs in this setting? Why or why not?

<https://gleneerie.org/stay-the-night/>

Glen Eyrie Castle - Property



<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/highsm.338>  
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GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Why would these red rocks be important to protect?
2. Why might you want these rock formations to be located on your property?
3. How does the commitment towards conservation and preservation of open spaces on your own land encourage others to do the same?

Glen Eyrie Aerial Image



Colorado Experience Episode  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nER3DyJz140>  
8:15 - 17:09

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Examine the image from the show. How does this aerial shot give you a better picture of Glen Eyrie as a complex of buildings rather than just one building?
2. How do the buildings in the complex blend into the landscape?
3. Based on the clip - was the integration of the buildings in the landscape coincidental? Why or why not?
4. How did Palmer develop his own sustainable complex at Glen Eyrie?
5. What were some of the innovative technology gadgets/solutions that he installed at the property?

**Assessment Question**

How was General William Palmer innovative in the design of the Glen Eyrie district and house at the turn of the century?

Response