

1. Title / Content Area:	Hutchinson Homestead: A Living Legacy								
2. Historic Site:	Hutchinson Homestead								
3. Episode:	Hutchinson Homestead								
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5. Grade Level and Standards:	<p><i>Grade Level: 6th - HS</i></p> <p>Content in this Document Based Question (DBQ) link to Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards <i>Prepared Graduate Competencies:</i> <i>Understand the nature of historical knowledge as a process of inquiry that examines and analyzes how history is viewed, constructed, and interpreted.</i></p> <p><i>Colorado Standards:</i> 6th: History Standard 1 HS: History Standard 1</p> <p><i>C3 Standards in Social Studies:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>D2.His.1.6-8</i></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>D3.1.6-8.</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>D2.His.2.6-8</i></td> <td><i>D3.3.6-8</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>D2.His.3.6-8</i></td> <td><i>D2.His.3.9-12.</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>D2.His.2.9-12.</i></td> <td><i>D2.His.1.9-12.</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>D2.His.1.6-8</i>	<i>D3.1.6-8.</i>	<i>D2.His.2.6-8</i>	<i>D3.3.6-8</i>	<i>D2.His.3.6-8</i>	<i>D2.His.3.9-12.</i>	<i>D2.His.2.9-12.</i>	<i>D2.His.1.9-12.</i>
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6. Assessment Question:	How can landowners and community partners work together to preserve a historic ranch for the future, yet continue working it as a family ranch using programs that exist on a state and national level?								
7. Contextual Paragraph	From Hutchinson Ranch: https://www.hutchinsonhomestead.org/history/ "To preserve this history, The Hutchinson Homestead and Learning Center represents a vision initiated by Dr. Wendell F. Hutchinson (4th generation):								



“To preserve some things from the past so that future generations will know how people lived and worked in those bygone days.”

Upon its designation as one of Colorado’s Most Endangered Places in 2003, the Hutchinson Homestead started undergoing the preservation of its century-old buildings. In meeting this vision, Dr. Hutchinson donated the Homestead to the Town of Poncha Springs in 2006. After 12 years of meticulous rehabilitation, the property opened to the public in 2013. Salida Area Parks, Open Space and Trails, the Hutchinson Family and the Town of Poncha Springs have worked together to preserve the historic homestead, outbuildings and corrals. With funding support from History Colorado State Historical Fund and the National Park Service Save America’s Treasures Grant Program, the 140-year old buildings have been preserved and transformed into a place where the public can learn about pioneering history and the evolution of high altitude ranching.”

8. Connection to Historic Preservation

Dr. Wendell Hutchinson had a vision to preserve and protect the Homestead for future generations. As part of this effort, Dr. Hutchinson donated the Homestead to the town of Poncha Springs in 2006. This donation was the start of a long and persistent journey in the preservation of the Homestead as a testament to the unique characteristics of the ranch. The ranch was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2009.

Before restoration began in 2005, the 1870’s Homestead and outbuildings, none of which had foundations, were in such a state of deterioration that they were nominated to the Colorado’s List of Endangered Places in 2003. After multiple phases of restoration funded primarily by state preservation funds, the main Homestead House has a new foundation and is completely restored on the exterior. All ten outbuildings are stabilized and completely rehabilitated.

Today, the site is alive and considered a “save” as an endangered place in Colorado. As people enter the ranch yard, they will experience what frontier life was like a century ago. The interior of the Homestead is being restored with period wallpaper and linoleum. Lilacs, apple and willow trees that have been on the ranch

	<p>since the late 1800's are being pruned and grafts taken, a myriad of fences and corrals are being rehabilitated, and visitor pathways are being installed to create a meaningful experience for heritage tourists.</p>	
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Document Based Question (DBQ)

Document Set

Hutchinson Homestead



[Colorado Experience Episode](#)

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Why does this site play a role in telling a particular story of Colorado settlers?
2. How is this site still relevant to those who live there today?
3. Why is the site significant in the history of Colorado?
4. Why would people from outside Colorado be interested in learning about this historic site?
5. What have you learned from the episode about ranching during the 1800's?

Partners in Preservation: Colorado Preservation, Inc. Endangered Places Program



<http://coloradopreservation.org/programs/endangered-places/endangered-places-archives/hutchinson-homestead-and-ranch/>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What is the purpose of the Endangered Places Program?
2. When and why was this site listed?
3. When is a site considered to be a "save"?
4. Based on this information, what was one of the main reasons this site was threatened?
5. How does this threat affect other historic places?
6. What community members came together to support the preservation of this site?

Partners in Preservation: Save America's Treasures



<https://www.nps.gov/articles/save-america-s-treasures.htm>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What is the purpose of the Save America's Treasures Program?
2. When was it established?
3. What are the criteria for the program?
4. Based on the information provided in the show, how does Hutchinson Ranch fit the required criteria for support from this program?

Partners in Preservation: Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at History Colorado



<https://www.historycolorado.org/national-state-registers>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation collaborates with scholars and community members to support the writing, collection, evaluation, and approval of any historic site that will be placed in the State or National Register. Does being placed on the register protect the site?
2. If a historic site is landmarked on a local, state, or national level, what benefits does this offer based on the information provided from History Colorado?

<p>Preservation Partners: History Colorado State Historical Fund</p>	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the purpose of the State Historical Fund? 2. Where does the money for the State Historical Fund come from? 3. How does the State Historical Fund collaborate with others to preserve historic places in Colorado? 4. How can funding from one organization be leveraged to gain a grant from another one to preserve a historic site?
 <p>HISTORY <i>Colorado</i> STATE HISTORICAL FUND</p>	
<p>https://www.historycolorado.org/grants-financial-incentives and</p> <p>https://www.historycolorado.org/state-historical-fund</p>	

<p>Preservation Partners: Centennial Farms</p>	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who currently manages the Centennial Farm program? 2. What are the qualifications to be included in the register of Centennial Farms in Colorado? 3. Hutchinson Ranch is named a Centennial Farm. Why is this significant? 4. How can holding the title of a Centennial Farm help a farm or ranch?
 <p>CENTENNIAL FARMS & RANCHES COLORADO</p>	
<p>https://www.historycolorado.org/centennial-farms-ranches</p>	

Preservation Trades and the Hutchinson Homestead



[Colorado Experience Episode](#)
27:09 - 35:00

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What were some of the challenges the family and preservationists faced at Hutchinson Ranch with preserving the main house and other buildings?
2. What skills would a trades person have to have to preserve a building like Hutchinson Homestead?
3. How do the skills of a master craftsman like Mike Perschbacher make a difference in the preservation of special buildings such as those at the Hutchinson Homestead?

Partners in Preservation: Guidestone



<https://guidestonecolorado.org/about-us/>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. How does a partner such as Guidestone help ensure the future of Hutchinson Homestead?
2. What can Guidestone help teach future farmers about the past?

Assessment Question

How can landowners and community partners work together to preserve a historic ranch for the future yet continue working it as a family ranch using programs that exist on a state and national level?

Response