

1. Title / Content Area:	Hutchinson Homestead: A Living Legacy
2. Historic Site:	Hutchinson Homestead
3. Episode:	<a href="#">Hutchinson Homestead</a>
4. Developed by:	The Teaching with Primary Sources Western Region Estella Cole, Architect and Historic Preservationist Michelle Pearson, Adams 12 School District
5. Grade Level and Standards:	<i>Grade Level: 3-5</i> <i>Content in this Document Based Question ( DBQ ) link to Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards</i> <i>Prepared Graduate Competencies: 1, 2, and 4</i> <i>Colorado Standards:</i> <i>3rd: History Standard 1 GLE 2.</i> <i>4th: History Standard 1 GLE 2..</i> <i>5th: Geography Standard 2 GLE 2</i> <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>
6. Assessment Question:	What story does Hutchinson Ranch tell about early pioneer ranchers in Colorado and life on a ranch today?
7. Contextual Paragraph	From Hutchinson Ranch: <a href="https://www.hutchinsonhomestead.org/history/">https://www.hutchinsonhomestead.org/history/</a> “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



	<p>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's 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."</p>	
<p>8. Connection to Historic Preservation</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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>	

## Document Based Question (DBQ)

### Document Set

#### Hutchinson Homestead



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Beginning to 27:00

#### 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 for 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?

#### The Ranch House



<https://www.hutchinsonhomestead.org/>  
and the [Colorado Experience Episode](#)

27:00 - 40:00

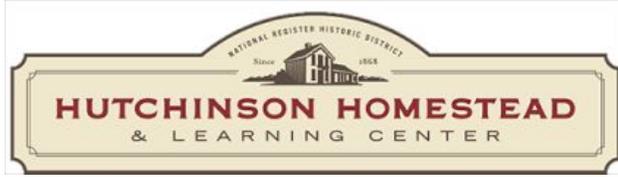
#### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Why was this home considered to be special?
2. What did this tell you about the importance of "civilized life" to Annabelle?
3. Why would it be important to preserve a historic house like this even if it isn't being lived in?
4. Imagine someone is behind a window of the house. What would they tell you about living in a two story house on a ranch?
5. What were some of the hidden surprises found in the house when it was being preserved?

**Working the Ranch Today**

**GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

1. Who is working the ranch today?
2. Are they allowed to continue to use the historic property?
3. Why would the family want to continue to support a historic place and work a ranch around it?
4. How can a historic place be a learning center and a living ranch too?
5. What are the challenges and celebrations of living on a ranch?



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30:00 to end.

**Why Preserve a Working Ranch?**

**GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

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?
5. How did the State Historical Fund help Hutchinson Ranch?



<https://www.historycolorado.org/grants-financial-incentives>

and

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27:09 - 35:00

**Preservation Trades and the Hutchinson Homestead**



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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?

**Assessment Question**

What story does Hutchinson Ranch tell about early pioneer ranchers in Colorado and life as a rancher today?

Response