





1. Title / Content Area:	Denver Mountain Parks: Echo Lake Park								
2. Historic Site:	Echo Lake Park								
3. Developed by:	Century Middle School Educators								
4. Grade Level and Standards:	<p><i>Grade Level:</i> 6<sup>th</sup> - HS</p> <p>Content in this Document Based Question ( DBQ ) link to Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards</p> <p><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><tr><td><i>D2.His.1.6-8</i></td><td><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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5. Assessment Question:	Why was Echo Lake Park created at the beginning of the century, and what was the Denver Mountain Parks project?								
6. Contextual Paragraph	Echo Lake Park was established in 1921 but the idea for the park was first coined in 1901 as the National Park and Wilderness movements were just beginning in the United States. The park was designed as part of an extension of the Denver Mountain Parks project which followed the Olmsted plan already in place for the parks. In 1916, trails in the wilderness area were developed by the National Park Service to allow public access and recreation. In 1921, as a result of a Supreme Court decision that allowed cities to condemn property outside of their normal								



	<p>jurisdiction, Denver acquired 600 acres in the area which included the lake.</p> <p>In 1926, Jules Jacques Benoit Benedict designed a lodge in the Mountain Rustic Style which incorporated local stone and wood, and reflected the mountain landscape and setting. An ice house was also built in the same style in 1926, and later the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed both a stone pavilion and a rectangular shaped stone concession stand as part of the park complex. All of the buildings above contribute to the National Register of Historic Places listing and are still used in some format today.</p>	
	<p>Listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district in February of 1995, Echo Lake Park is significant in two criterion. Under criterion A in the National Register of Historic Places, the park showcases the importance of tourism and recreation through city planning and development. The park was created as an extension of the Olmsted Plan for Denver Mountain Parks and reflected both the City Beautiful Movement and the National Park movement. Additionally, the creation of the park was during a time period when citizens had access to automobiles and other modes of transportation, and were looking for opportunities to travel outside of Denver into the Rocky Mountains. With the development of the Denver Mountain Park System, and Echo Lake Park as well as others, city planners, leaders, businessmen and community groups were providing a means for tourism and recreation adjacent to Denver.</p> <p>Echo Lake Park is also significant under National Register criterion C for architecture. The buildings on site which include a lodge designed by Jules Jacques Benois Benedict in the Mountain Rustic Style, use local materials such as stone and wood and reflect the mountain setting and landscape.</p> <p>For more information, the National Register Listing can be found here:  <a href="https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/AssetDetail/24bbd578-5143-4fba-8900-6455d51b4d72?branding=NRHP">https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/AssetDetail/24bbd578-5143-4fba-8900-6455d51b4d72?branding=NRHP</a> or in the COMPASS system maintained by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at History Colorado. You can find more information about COMPASS here:</p>	

	<a href="https://www.historycolorado.org/compass-information">https://www.historycolorado.org/compass-information</a> .	
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## Document Based Question (DBQ)

### Document Set


Echo Lake Lodge





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#### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What materials are used in the construction of this building?
2. What are the unique architectural features of this building?
3. How does this building blend into the landscape / setting in which it is placed?
4. When you first look at this building, how does it make you feel?

Echo Lake Park	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why would this natural landscape be important to preserve and protect?</li> <li>2. How can this type of location play a role in recreation for citizens?</li> <li>3. Why were developers and businessmen particularly interested in making this a park?</li> <li>4. How might the architecture of buildings in this landscape contribute to or detract from the overall visitor experience?</li> <li>5. How do the buildings featured in this park fit into the landscape featured in this photo?</li> </ol>
	
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Echo Lake Park Concession Stand	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What type of setting is this building in?</li> <li>2. What materials are used in the construction of this building?</li> <li>3. How does the construction of this building compare with the construction of the main lodge?</li> <li>4. Why would it be important to have a building such as this in a parks complex?</li> <li>5. Compare this building to the lodge. How can buildings work together to create a built “landscape” for visitors?</li> </ol>
	
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Denver Mountain Parks Colorado Encyclopedia Entry	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why was John Brisben Walker interested in creating a series of recreational sites outside of Denver?</li> <li>2. How did these parks create an extension of the City Beautiful Movement into the mountains?</li> <li>3. Why were the parks expanded in the 1920's?</li> </ol>
	
<a href="https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/denver-mountains-in-parks">https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/denver-mountains-in-parks</a>	

Jules Jacques Benois Benedict City of Littleton Website Entry	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who is Jules Jacques Benois Benedict?</li> <li>2. What contributions did he make to the Denver Mountain Parks system?</li> <li>3. What lasting impact did he have on Colorado as a whole?</li> </ol>
	
<a href="https://www.littletongov.org/my-littleton/littleton-history/biographies/benedict">https://www.littletongov.org/my-littleton/littleton-history/biographies/benedict</a>	

<b>Assessment Question</b>
Why is it important to preserve the buildings in the Echo Lake Historic District so that the history of the Denver Mountain Parks Project can be understood and recognized as important in the history of Colorado by future generations?
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