1.Title / Content Area:	Dinosaurs: Those Aren't Necessarily Rocks in the Rockies!		
2. Historic Site:	Various		
3. Developed by:	Century Middle School Team, Adams 12 School District f		
4. Grade Level and	Grade Level: 6 th - HS		
Standards:			
	Content in this Document Based Question (DBQ) link to Prepared Graduate		
	Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards		
	Prepared Graduate Competencies:		
	Understand the nature of historical knowledge as a process of inquiry that examines		
	and analyzes how history is viewed, constructed, and interpreted.		
	Colorado Standards:		
	6th: History Standard 1		
	HS: History Standard 1		
	C3 Standards in Social Studies:		
	D2.His.1.6-8	D3.1.6-8.	
	D2.His.2.6-8	D3.3.6-8	
	D2.His.3.6-8	D2.His.3.9-12.	
	D2.His.2.9-12.	D2.His.1.9-12.	
5. Assessment Question:	How do different groups of ped	fferent groups of people work together to preserve history, protect fossils,	
	and share knowledge with the public?		
6. Contextual Paragraph	The Snowmass Village Fossil Excavation site is one of the most important discoveries in recent Colorado history. Over the last several years, the Ziegler family, Snowmass Discovery Center, and the Denver Museum of Nature and		
	Science have worked together to preserve and protect the fossils located at the site		
	while at the same time allowing the public to learn about them. In		
7. Connection to Historic Colorado archaeologists work closely with paleontologists to help document si			
	that have ancient peoples and dinosaurs associated with them. Historic preservation		









Preservation	professionals in the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation work alongside	
	other scientists to review a site for artifacts and bones before historic preservation	
	work begins. This careful screening has helped to support multiple sites where	
	important paleontological and archeological finds and sites have been located.	

Document Based Question (DBQ)

Document Set

Public Can Return to Ice-Age Dig Site in Snowmass

http://www.aspentimes.com/news/public-can-return-to-ice-age-dig-site-in-snowmass-2/

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- 1. How does this secondary source show the connection between private landowners, museum specialists, and the public?
- 2. What would the public want to visit this site?
- 3. How can we protect the site while allowing public access?
- 4. How is this site like many of the archaeology sites in Colorado in regards to public access and use?

Snowmass Village Fossil Excavation Fact Sheet



http://www.dmns.org/press-room/news-releases/s nowmass-village-fossil-excavation-fact-sheet/

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- 1. What was found at the site?
- 2. How does the location of the site become a challenge for excavation?
- 3. Why were the fossils so well preserved?
- 4. Why is the site so significant?

3rd Annual History Colorado Presidential Award



http://www.historycolorado.org/grants/hart-gover nor-awards

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why would History Colorado want to honor DMNS and the Snowmass Project?
- 2. What is the purpose of the President's Award?
- 3. HOw does this award relate to the Snowmass Excavation site?
- 4. How can this award bring public awareness to the site?

Assessment Question				
How do different groups of people work together to preserve history, protect fossils, and share knowledge with the public?				
Response				