

1. Title / Content Area:	Boggsville and the Santa Fe Trail								
2. Historic Site:	Boggsville Historic Site, Bent County, Colorado								
3. Colorado Experience Episode	http://www.rmpbs.org/coloradoexperience/places/boggsville/								
4. Developed by:	Michelle Pearson, Adams 12 School District Estella Cole, History Colorado State Historical Fund								
5. Grade Level and Standards:	<p>Grade Level: 6th - HS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Colorado Standards: 6th: History Standard 1 HS: History Standard 1</p> <p>C3 Standards in Social Studies:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>D2.His.1.6-8</td><td>D3.1.6-8.</td></tr> <tr> <td>D2.His.2.6-8</td><td>D3.3.6-8</td></tr> <tr> <td>D2.His.3.6-8</td><td>D2.His.3.9-12.</td></tr> <tr> <td>D2.His.2.9-12.</td><td>D2.His.1.9-12.</td></tr> </table>	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.
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6. Assessment Question:	Why is Boggsville a significant historic site on the Santa Fe Trail?								
7. Contextual Paragraph	<p>Boggsville was one of the most important trading locations and posts on the Santa Fe Trail. After Bent's Fort closed due to the reduction of the fur trade, Thomas Boggs married Ramalda LunaBent in 1846. She was heir of Cornelio Vigil. From Vigil, Boggs and his wife received a land grant, and the couple built an adobe home on a site two miles from the mouth of the Purgatoire River in 1866. In 1867, Boggs was joined by John Prowers who also built a home on the site. Both families raised crops, sheep, and cattle on the land. The settlement was short lived, but during occupancy served as a center for</p>								



	trade and education. Though never officially established as a town, Boggsville had all the elements of an early Colorado community and served settlers traveling the trails west, particularly the Santa Fe Trail. The adobe homes that still stand on the site today are representative of the region and were considered somewhat grand in scale for the time. To recognize and protect these buildings, which significantly contributed to growth and trade in the region, Boggsville was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.	
8. Connection to Historic Preservation	Identified as a National Endangered Place by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2014, Boggsville is a registered landmark that serves as one of the most important historic building complexes on the Santa Fe Trail.	

Document Based Question (DBQ)

Document Set

The Santa Fe Route

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What does this map show the reader about the Santa Fe Trail?
2. What route did the Santa Fe Trail take through Colorado and New Mexico?
3. What time period was this map created and for what purpose was it made?



<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4052s.ct000190/>

Boggsville Main Home - 1912


GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What does this picture show about life at Boggsville?
2. Compare this photo to the other photo in this collection. What is different? What is the same?
3. How could the different sections of the building be used for different purposes?



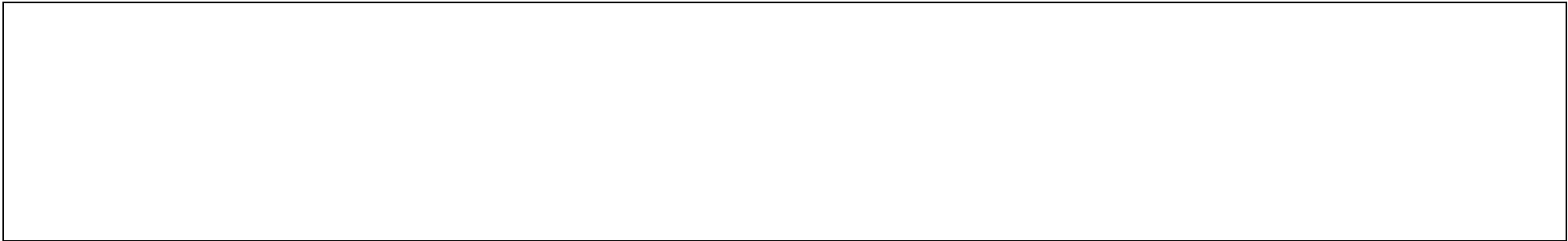
[http://www.bentcountyheritage.org/?s=boggsville&p=gallery#!prettyPhoto\[main\]/3/](http://www.bentcountyheritage.org/?s=boggsville&p=gallery#!prettyPhoto[main]/3/)

Legislation Establishing Post Routes	GUIDING QUESTIONS:
<p> <small> FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, SESS. III, CH. 184, 1878. 427 MARCH 4, 1878. CHAPTER 184.—An act to establish post routes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following post routes be, and the same are hereby established: ALABAMA. From Troy, via Indian Branch, to Helicon. From Grove Hill, via Walnut Store, Jackson, Cherry's Mill and Partin Store to Suggsville. From Charles to Solomon's Mill. From Delta to Wetmore. From Delta to Thibodaux. From Point Clear, via Stapleton's Store and Magnolia, to Ben Secour. From Calhoun, via Sandy Bridge, Passola, France's Shop Motherdale Mill, to Saville. From Montgomery to Carter's Hill. From Elba via Old Town and Green Bay, to Cross Trails. From Birmingham, via Doc Soons and Calvary Williams, to Demogre. From Claxville, via Corbice, to Harris. From Lodi, via Albertville, to Brooksville. From Vernal, via Reddick, to Quincy Mississippi. From Holly Grove, to Rocky Falls. From Haysville, via Elm Springs to Clayton. From Elba, via McLean's Mill, Odgers and J M Smith's, Alabama, and Albert's Mill, Henry Laid's and John McKenna's to Union Army, Florida. From Linden, via Sweetwater to Hoboken. From Sumnerfield, via Oak Grove, Perryville, Sevens Precinct, Pine Lodge, Carter's Store and Morrowville, to Oklawaha. From Cambridge to Lumb's River. From Maunsville, via River Ridge, to Bell's Landing. From Martin's Station, via Athens, to Hoboken. </small> </p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does this document establish in the United States? 2. What would have given the basis for the establishment of these routes in Las Animas County and at Boggsville? 3. Based on the date of this legislation, why was this legislation created?
http://www.loc.gov/law/help/statutes-at-large/45th-congress/session-3/c45s3ch184.pdf	

Boggsville – Postcard	GUIDING QUESTIONS:
 <p> <small> KIT CARSON'S HOME—JUST SOUTH OF LAS ANIMAS, ON HI-WAY 101 </small> </p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the architectural elements of this home as shown in the photograph? 2. Why would a covered patio be needed for this home in SE Colorado? 3. What materials is the home constructed of? 4. Where would the materials be obtained? 5. Is there a purpose to the U shape construction of the building?
http://www.bentcountyheritage.org/?s=boggsville&p=gallery#!prettyPhoto[main]/1/	

<p>Boggsville Reconnaissance Study, History, and Evaluation of Significance (Page 19-21)</p>	<p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the purpose of this study? 2. What does this study say about trade in this region and the significance of Boggsville? 3. How were the lives of Boggs and Prowers linked to this site and the Santa Fe Trail?
<p>Boggsville was established in the waning years of the Santa Fe Trail, but during the resurgence in use of the Mountain Branch of the trail. In order to be nationally significant, Boggsville must definitively and strongly reflect national themes and have an important association with an event or trend that made a significant contribution to the development of the United States (Criterion 1). The most likely national theme into which Boggsville fits is its association with the Santa Fe Trail. Its establishment and decade-long existence are both directly related to the trail. Boggs, Prowers and other residents settled in the area because the Santa Fe Trail brought them west and their livelihoods were intertwined with the trail and the institutions associated with the trail, such as Bent's Fort and Fort Lyon. The land upon which Boggs settled also relates to the history of the Santa Fe Trail and the Mexican government's practice of providing large land grants on its northern border as a buffer and to spur development. The community, moreover, was undermined by the arrival of the railroad, which both bypassed Boggsville and replaced the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail.</p>	
<p>http://www.cfc.umt.edu/cesu/Reports/NPS/CU/2012/12Mann_IMR_HPP_Boggsville_history_fnl rpt.pdf</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Assessment Question</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Why is Boggsville a significant historic site on the Santa Fe Trail?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Response</p>	



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