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| 1. Title / Content Area:       | National Western Stock Show Complex  |
| 2. Historic Site:              | National Western Stock Show Complex  |
| 3. Colorado Experience Episode | <a href="http://www.rmpbs.org/coloradoexperience/places/national-western-stock-show/">http://www.rmpbs.org/coloradoexperience/places/national-western-stock-show/</a>  |
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| 5. Grade Level:                | Grade Level: 6 <sup>th</sup> - HS<br><br>Content in this Document Based Question ( DBQ ) link to Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards<br>Prepared Graduate Competencies:<br>Understand the nature of historical knowledge as a process of inquiry that examines and analyzes how history is viewed, constructed, and interpreted.<br><br>Colorado Standards:<br>6th: History Standard 1<br>HS: History Standard 1<br><br>C3 Standards in Social Studies:<br>D2.His.1.6-8<br>D2.His.2.6-8<br>D2.His.3.6-8<br>D2.His.2.9-12.  |
| 6. Assessment Question:        | How can you determine the importance of the National Western Stock Show Complex over time in Denver based on its appearance?   |
| 7. Contextual Paragraph        | The following quoted summary can be found at:<br><a href="http://www.historicdenver.org/programs/current-issues/national-western-stock-show/">http://www.historicdenver.org/programs/current-issues/national-western-stock-show/</a><br><br>“While it’s difficult to pinpoint the exact beginnings of the National Western legacy, it’s clear its roots lie with the Stock Yards themselves and Denver’s early and enduring role as a “cow town.” This connection is evidenced by the oldest structure on the site, the center section of the Livestock Exchange Building, completed in 1898. Facing the railroad tracks and originally surrounded by cattle pens this building is at the heart of |



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|  | <p>the Stock Show site and two subsequent additions, one in 1916 and one in 1919, make it a striking property.</p> <p>Perhaps the most quintessential structures on the Stock Show site are not buildings at all, but the cattle pens, or stockyards, which existed even before the National Western Stock Show. The official stockyards, owned by the Denver Union Stock Yard Company, opened in 1886 and still play a role in the complex today.”</p> |  |
| 8. Connection to Historic Preservation | <p>The National Western Stock Show Complex Arena was recently named a Denver Landmark in April of 2016. It is currently undergoing redevelopment where the City of Denver, History Colorado, and local citizens are working to preserve the buildings and structures that showcase the rich history and traditions of the National Western Stockshow.</p>   |  |

## Document Based Question (DBQ)

| Document Set  |   |
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| <p>National Western Stock Show Complex 1906 Tent and Grounds</p>  <p><a href="http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/1907-Show-Grounds-and-Tent-logo.jpg">http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/1907-Show-Grounds-and-Tent-logo.jpg</a></p> | <p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is shown in this area during this early photograph of the Stock Show?</li> <li>2. Who are the people in the photo?</li> <li>3. Is the arena in downtown Denver? Explain.</li> </ol>                    |
| <p>Interior, ampitheatre [sic], Western Stock Show Ass'n., Denver, Colo.</p>  <p><a href="https://www.loc.gov/item/2007661963/">https://www.loc.gov/item/2007661963/</a></p>  | <p>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why would an indoor amphitheater play a role in the National Western Stock Show?</li> <li>2. How is the building constructed?</li> <li>3. What other events could this amphitheater be used for?</li> </ol> |

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| 1908 Stock Show Grounds   | GUIDING QUESTIONS:<br><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Compared to the original photo in this collection, how has the National Western Stock Show Complex developed?</li><li>2. What kind of buildings are present?</li><li>3. What are the buildings constructed of and in what style?</li><li>4. Why would permanent buildings reflect the importance of the National Western Stock Show?</li></ol> |
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| <a href="http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/1908-NWSS-logo.jpg">http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/1908-NWSS-logo.jpg</a> |   |

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| <b>Assessment Question</b>   |
| How can you determine the importance of the National Western Stock Show Complex over time in Denver based on its appearance? |
| <b>Response</b>  |
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