

1. Title / Content Area:	Stanley Hotel: Tourism and Building in the West
2. Historic Site:	Stanley Hotel and Complex
3. Episode:	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/colorado-experience-stanley-hotel/">https://www.pbs.org/video/colorado-experience-stanley-hotel/</a>
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5. Grade Level and Standards:	3-5 3rd: History 1.2, Geography 2.1, 2.2 4th: History 1.2, Geography 2.1, 2.2 5th: History 1.1, 1.2 Geography 2.2
6. Assessment Question(s):	Why is the Stanley Hotel such an important building in Estes Park?
7. Contextual Paragraph	F.O. Stanley was an inventor and a visionary for his time. After coming to Colorado because of health reasons, he not only established and built the iconic Stanley Hotel, but was responsible for the development of the site of Estes Park as well through his involvement in the development of the road systems, financing the water system, and launching a major advertising campaign to bring tourists to the city via motor coaches which traveled through the canyon from Estes Park. Known as a resort hotel, the Stanley was a “draw” to tourists from across the nation who were looking for a comfortable and luxurious way to travel in the Rockies at the turn of the century. The hotel has been a host to contemporary travelers and moviemakers and is known was the setting for the movie <i>The Shining</i> .
8. Connection to Historic Preservation	Today, the hotel remains prominent in the built environment of Estes Park. It was originally listed in the National Register of Historic Places in May of 1977, and the nomination was updated to make a larger National Register District in 1985. The Stanley Hotel buildings as a group were built in the Classic Revival Style and it is deemed rare to have these in a group especially in a mountain setting. The contrast of these grand buildings against the rugged landscape has contributed to the



	importance and grandeur of the site over time and the Georgian architecture reflected in the main hotel building itself is rare in this Rocky Mountain area.	
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## Document Based Question (DBQ)

### Document Set

View of the Hotel Stanley in Estes Park, Colorado (completed in 1909)



<http://cdm16079.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p15330coll22/id/10725/rec/20>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of setting was the Stanley Hotel built in? Describe it in detail.
2. Why was it built in this setting in Estes Park? Does the historic hotel blend in with the setting or not? Explain.
3. What made the hotel unique to Colorado?
4. Why would a person want to visit a hotel such as this during the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century?

The Stanley Hotel in Estes Park



<https://lcn.loc.gov/2015633407>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. In your opinion, how does this building fit into the landscape of Estes Park?
2. Why would an architect build a building like this in the Rocky Mountains?
3. Are the materials for this building available locally? Why would this be important or why wouldn't it be?
4. How does the design of the building help distinguish it as a grand hotel?

The Stanley Hotel Historic Register Nomination	<b>GUIDING QUESTIONS:</b>  1. Why is this site significant?  2. What does the historic nomination say about the role that it has played in Estes Park and the larger role it has played in Colorado?  3. What are some of the architectural features of the site?  4. How does the continued preservation of the hotel contribute to continuing heritage tourism efforts in Estes Park?
	
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**Assessment Question**

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