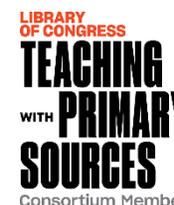


1. Title / Content Area:	Auraria 9th Street Historic District
2. Historic Sites:	Auraria Campus, Denver
3. Auraria	Colorado Experience: Auraria
4. Developed by:	Century Middle School Team, Adams 12 School District Library of Congress Teaching With Primary Sources Western Region Team
5. Grade Level and Standards:	<p><i>Grade Level: 3-5</i></p> <p>Content in this Document Based Question (DBQ) link to Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards <i>Prepared Graduate Competencies: 1, 2, and 4</i></p> <p>Colorado Standards: 3rd: History Standard 1 GLE 2. 4th: History Standard 1 GLE 2.. 5th: Geography Standard 2 GLE 2</p> <p><i>C3 Standards in Social Studies:</i> <i>D2.Geo.2.3-5.</i> <i>D2.Geo.4.3-5.</i> <i>D2.Geo.5.3-5. D2.His.2.3-5. D2.His.3.3-5.</i></p>
6. Assessment Question:	How does examining the Auraria 9th Street Historic District help us understand what used to be in this area of Denver?
7. Contextual Paragraph	The Denver Public Library states, “Auraria, Denver’s oldest neighborhood, predates the city’s establishment, and its history neatly encompasses the city’s founding, its development, and its redevelopment as a modern urban center. As a contemporary Denver neighborhood, Auraria is synonymous with the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC), which opened in 1976, and home to the University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and the Community College of Denver. The neighborhood forms a rough triangle, bounded on the south by Colfax Avenue, with the South Platte River to the west and Speer Boulevard to the



	<p>east, roughly the line of Cherry Creek, converging at today's Confluence Park.”</p> <p>Auraria was established in the late 1800's by a small group of miners because of the discovery of gold in the area. The town plan was to have buildings, residential and commercial, on square blocks which established a core town in the area. As soon as it was established though, another town was established across the river, Denver City. The two rivals later merged to become Denver, and Auraria was partially abandoned until later when it became active as one of the first mixed-use residential and commercial areas in Denver, and often referred to as West Denver. In the 1970's Auraria campus was established, and today the area is used for a variety of purposes including residential, commercial, and brewing once again. As quoted in the National Register nomination, “Though not historically noted, the residents were typical of the pioneer stock that built the city, people like a flour mill owner, railroad engineer and telegrapher, cattle and horse dealer, dentist, blacksmith, coppersmith, tinner, cabinet maker, ice dealer, livery owner, and bookkeeper for the Tivoli Brewery, who all lived in this block between 1873 and 1905.”</p> <p>The 9th Street Historic District was one of the very first locations of a town which helped to start Denver. As it developed, it became a diverse community and this is reflected in the many architectural types located in the district including Italianate, Victorian, and a Spanish Mission style church.</p>	
<p>7. Connection to Historic Preservation</p>	<p>Auraria's 9th Street Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and continues to be preserved on the Auraria campus today. Preservation efforts have been a collaborative effort between the universities that are present on the campus, local community members, and the History Colorado State Historical Fund. The buildings have been adapted for use on campus for a variety of purposes and retain the majority of their character defining exterior features.</p>	

Document Based Question (DBQ)

Document Set

Auraria 9th Street Historic District



<https://www.historycolorado.org/location/auraria-9th-street-historic-district>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Who may have lived in these types of houses?
2. What materials would have been used in the construction of these homes?
3. How can a house such as these shown here, represent the social standing of the owner?

Early Auraria



<http://cdm16079.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collectio/p15330coll22/id/68186>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What can this image tell you about the early settlement of Auraria?
2. What kind of buildings are included in this image?
3. What are the different types of materials used to construct these buildings?
4. What materials make a building more permanent than temporary?
5. How can you tell that people establishing this area wanted it to become a town or city?

9th Street Historic District on Auraria Campus



<https://library.auraria.edu/news/2018/unearthed-direct-ory-ninth-street-historic-park>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. The Auraria 9th Street Historic District is located on the college campus. Does it look similar or different from what it did when it was first established?
2. What are the good things about keeping historic buildings present on a college campus?
3. How does this remind others about the importance of another time period in history?

Denver Story Trek



<https://denverstorytrek.org/places/ninth-street-historic-park>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What does this story tell you about the 9th Street Historic District?
2. How does it compare to what you have seen in the photos you have examined?
3. How can the preservation of the buildings in this district help to illuminate the stories presented here?

St. Cajetan's Catholic Church



<http://cdm16079.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collectio/p15330coll6/id/20>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. How does a church play a role in the community?
2. Examine the image. What clues does the building give us about what cultures may be present in this neighborhood?

Assessment Question

How does examining the Auraria 9th Street Historic District help us understand what used to be in this area of Denver?

Response