# **Document Based Question (DBQ)**

1.Title / Content Area:	National Western Stock Show Complex	
2. Historic Site:	National Western Stock Show Complex	
3. Developed by:	Adams 12 School District	
4. Grade Level:	6-8	
	6 <sup>th</sup> : History 1.1, 1.2	
	7 <sup>th</sup> : History 1.1, 1.2, Geography 2.2	
	8 <sup>th</sup> : History 1.1, 1.2	VFADS
<ol><li>Assessment Question:</li></ol>	How can you determine the importance of the National Western Stock Show Complex over	ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS
	time in Denver based on its appearance?	
6. Contextual Paragraph	The following quoted summary can be found at:	
	http://www.historicdenver.org/programs/current-issues/national-western-stock-show/	0.0
	"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	HISTORY Clorade STATE HISTORICAL FUND
	originally surrounded by cattle pens this building is at the heart of the Stock Show site and two subsequent additions, one in 1916 and one in 1919, make it a striking property.	LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
	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."	TEACHING  with PRIMARY  SOURCES
7. Connection to Historic	The National Western Stock Show Complex Arena was recently named a Denver Landmark	
Preservation	in April of 2016.	

#### **Document Set**

National Western Stock Show Complex 1906 Tent and Grounds



http://nationalwestern.com/wpcontent/uploads/2015/05/1907-Show-Groundsand-Tent-logo.jpg

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What is shown in this area during this early photograph of the Stock Show?
- 2. Who are the people in the photo?
- 3. Is the arena in downtown Denver? Explain.

Interior, ampitheatre [sic], Western Stock Show Ass'n., Denver, Colo.



https://www.loc.gov/item/2007661963/

#### **GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Why would an indoor amphitheater play a role in the National Western Stock Show?
- 2. How is the building constructed?
- 3. What other events could this amphitheater be used for?

## 1908 Stock Show Grounds



http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/1908-NWSS-logo.jpg

## **GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Compared to the original photo in this collection, how has the National Western Stock Show Complex developed?
- 2. What kind of buildings are present?
- 3. What are the buildings constructed of and in what style?
- 4. Why would permanent buildings reflect the importance of the National Western Stock Show?

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

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