




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 and Standards:	4 History 1.1, 1.2	
5. Assessment Question:	How does the National Western Stock Show play a role in sharing the importance of agriculture and ranching in Colorado?	
6. Contextual Paragraph	<p>The following quoted summary can be found at: http://www.historicdenver.org/programs/current-issues/national-western-stock-show/</p> <p>“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 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>	
7. Connection to Historic Preservation	The National Western Stock Show Complex Arena was recently named a Denver Landmark in April of 2016.	

Document Set

National Western Stock Show Complex 1906 Tent and Grounds



<http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/1907-Show-Grounds-and-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.

National Western Stock Show Press Pass



<http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/1909-press-pass-front.jpg>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Why would press passes be issued to the National Western Stock Show?
2. Why would the press be interested in a show of this type?
3. Do you think passes are still issued today?

Champion Hereford feeders, Andrew Norell, Walden, CO 1906



<http://nationalwestern.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Champion-Hereford-feeders-Andrew-Norell-Walden-CO-1906-turned-logo.jpg>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What is shown in this picture?
2. How is it related to the National Western Stock Show?
3. How does this picture show the importance of agriculture in Colorado?
4. Why would this type of award help a rancher?

Steer Auction National Western Stock Show



https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/north-denver-cornerstone-collaborative/national-western-center/jcr_content/content/columncontrol_4/column1/denver_gallery.gallery.940.381.high.3.jpg

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What is happening in this picture?
2. How does this particular event play a role in the National Western Stock Show?
3. What is significant about this event for Colorado ranchers?
4. How does this event help the economy of Colorado?

Assessment Question

How does the National Western Stock Show play a role in sharing the importance of agriculture and ranching in Colorado?

Response

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