Essential Question
Why did people from different cultures migrate and settle in Colorado?

Background Knowledge
The Sugar Beet Industry -
http://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/sugar-beet-industry#page-title
A history of the Sugar Beet Industry in Colorado:
http://lib.colostate.edu/archives/greatwestern/history.html

Source 1

Source 2

Strategy Instructions:
Sourcing
Contextualization
Close Reading
Corroboration

Discussion
1. How did the sugar beet industry support immigrants who moved to Colorado?
2. What was life like for families that worked in the sugar beet fields?
3. How has the technology of farming sugar beets changed over time?
4. What was the economic impact of the sugar beet industry in Colorado?

Assessment
Students complete the “What’s the Story” activity and then write a short story based on the “story” depicted in the sources.