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This instructional unit integrates the following separate units:

- **Social Studies, 4th grade, Boom and Bust** (see the Unit Overview here in [Word](#) or [PDF](#)); and
- **Drama and Theatre Arts, 4th grade, Back in the Day...Primary Sources Come Alive** (see the Unit Overview here in [Word](#) or [PDF](#))

Throughout this unit we denote levels of content area integration by listing an Integration Continuum Color*, as follows:

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**Unit Description:**

This unit is designed to integrate two 4th grade units of study: Social Studies unit “Boom and Bust” and Drama Theatre Arts Unit “Back in the Day...Primary Sources Come Alive”. This integrated unit will literally bring history to life! It starts with an example of a major boom and bust cycle – the fur trapping/trade industry (mountain men). From there, the unit moves on to mining and the gold/silver booms of the 1850s, which allows students to consider demand that is based on status (and scarcity). The historical sources utilized in the theatre activities are based on these specific events in Colorado history. These events appear in every Colorado history textbook and illuminate major industries in the state (mining/trading). They also highlight a significant turning point in the history of the United States and western expansion (manifest destiny). But the focus is on the multiple perspectives and conflict (e.g., over land rights) around these events. The goal is to accurately capture the conflict and diverse perspectives in a 4th grade appropriate manner. The unit concludes with a performance assessment in the form of a news play. The news play incorporates the perspectives of fur traders (mountain men), Native Americans, and miners and the conflicts that each group faced during the boom and bust cycles.

**Considerations:**

N/A

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**Unit Generalizations**

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### Performance Assessment: *The capstone/summative assessment for this unit.*
Both disciplines integrated

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| Stimulus Material: | You will be part of one group for this performance assessment. Group one will be a member of a modern news crew who has found an archive of authentic news plays from the Gold Rush and fur trade eras in Colorado. Group two will perform as historical actors in the found footage newsreel about the Colorado Gold Rush and fur trade eras. The goal of both teams is to share the authentic footage, experiences and differing perspectives of people involved in the boom and bust cycles of the Colorado fur trade and mining. You should present the differing perspectives and document the various reasons for relocating (the boom that brought people to Colorado), the conflicts that arose around the boom, and the lack of sustainability of the boom. |
|                   | (Engaging scenario that includes role, audience, goal/outcome and explicitly connects the key generalization) |

| Product/Evidence: | As a class, students will form two groups. Group one will produce a news report-type presentation that depicts one to two groups of students as newscasters finding the archived footage (serving as the investigative researchers to document and provide context for the historic find). Group two will enact scenes from the footage retrieved (becoming the characters of the time). The news play components should depict the various perspectives of fur traders (mountain men), Native Americans and miners and the conflicts that were faced by each group. Examples of possible comparisons of people with varying points of view may include: |
|                   | (Expected product from students) |
|                   | • Miner who struck it rich vs. miner who went bust |
|                   | • Mine owner vs mine worker |
|                   | • Fur trader during boom vs. fur trader after boom (bust) |
|                   | • Native American vs. miner |
|                   | • Native American vs. fur traders |

| Differentiation: | Students may be put into different groups based on their interests such as: |
|                 | (Multiple modes for student expression) |
|                 | • Newscasters |
|                 | • Researchers/anthropologists |
|                 | • Fur traders to enact archival footage |
|                 | • Miners to enact archival footage |
## Texts for independent reading or for class read aloud to support the content

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<td><em>Birchbark Brigade: A fur trade history</em>- Cris Peterson (1250 Lexile level)</td>
<td><em>Gold! Gold from the American river</em>- Don Brown (1010 Lexile level)</td>
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<td><em>The Cripple Creek District</em> - Cripple Creek District Museum</td>
<td><em>Gold Rush Fever</em>- Barbara Greenwood (840 Lexile level)</td>
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<td><em>Colorado’s Eccentric Captain Jack</em> - Ellen Jack</td>
<td><em>The Gold Rush Kid</em>- Mary Waldorf (1010 Lexile level)</td>
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<td><em>Generating Wind Power</em> - Niki Walker (1070 Lexile level)</td>
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<td><em>Tales, Trails, and Tommyknockers: Stories from Colorado’s past</em> - Myriam Friggens</td>
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<td><em>When the Beaver was King</em> - Doug Golden</td>
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## Ongoing Discipline-Specific Learning Experiences – Social Studies

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<td><strong>Think/work like a historian-</strong> Categorizing, using, and interpreting primary and secondary sources</td>
<td><a href="http://teachinghistory.org/digital-classroom/ask-a-digital-historian/24664%5C">http://teachinghistory.org/digital-classroom/ask-a-digital-historian/24664\</a> (General background on primary and secondary sources and their defining features)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.kidscomputerlab.org/index.php/research-skills/primary-vs-secondary-sources/">http://www.kidscomputerlab.org/index.php/research-skills/primary-vs-secondary-sources/</a> (General background on primary and secondary sources and their defining features)</td>
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<td><strong>Skills:</strong> <strong>Analyze primary and secondary sources</strong> to place significant events in historical sequence</td>
<td><strong>Assessment:</strong> Historical Sources Wall Students will add resources to the wall according to their category (primary or secondary) and defend their categorization of the resource.</td>
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<td><strong>Think/work like a historian-</strong> Creating whole-class and individual timelines</td>
<td><em><a href="http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/history/histchron.htm">http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/history/histchron.htm</a></em> (Broad timeline of significant events in CO History)</td>
<td><em><a href="http://www.softschools.com/teacher_resources/timeline_maker/">http://www.softschools.com/teacher_resources/timeline_maker/</a></em> (Open-ended program for creating individual timelines)</td>
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<td><strong>Skills:</strong> <strong>Analyze primary and secondary sources to place significant events in historical sequence</strong></td>
<td><strong>Assessment:</strong> Individual Colorado History Timelines Students will update their individual (online or physical) timelines daily/weekly. Class can also keep a larger visual timeline, with students adding (significant) events on a regular basis.</td>
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<td><strong>Think/work like a geographer-</strong> Creating various maps to document resources, routes, and residences</td>
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### Skills:
Use maps to locate resources and regions

### Assessment:
Colorado Resource Maps
Using blank Colorado maps, students will create maps at strategic points in the unit (Fur trade, gold mining, energy resources, tourism sites, energy resources, etc.).

### Ongoing Discipline-Specific Learning Experiences – *Drama and Theatre Arts*

| **1.** | **Description:** | Think/work like a (theater) artist - Writing from primary and secondary sources | **Teacher Resources:** | http://www.childdrama.com/trail4.html (Good discussion of playwriting and one fourth grade teacher’s techniques with his students)
http://www.childdrama.com/trailappendix2.html (Good example of a news play script produced by a fourth grade teacher and his students)
http://www.ehow.com/how_8768926_write-monologue-template.html (Nice encapsulation of the steps in writing a monologue) |
| **Student Resources:** | http://www.childdrama.com/trailappendix2.html (Good example of a news play script produced by a fourth grade teacher and his students) |
| **Skills:** | Write expressively in order to communicate a range of emotions resulting from historical conflicts and situations | **Assessment:** | Students will use graphic organizers throughout the unit to try to capture different perspectives and motivations of people involved in the gold rush and to draft their monologues for the performance assessment. |
| **Teacher Resources:** | http://www.myfoa.org/docs/mentoring/lessonplans/46GraphicOrganizers.pdf
http://www.cobbk12.org/Cheathamhill/LFS%20Update/Graphic%20Organizers.htm (Great sample “Analyzing Perspectives” organizers) |
| **Student Resources:** | http://www.childdrama.com/trailappendix2.html (Good example of a news play script produced by a fourth grade teacher and his students) |
| **2.** | **Description:** | Think/work like a (theater) artist - Selecting appropriate and compelling visuals and tableaux to enhance spoken performance | **Teacher Resources:** | http://cies.uark.edu/KMisiewiczTableauInTheClassroom.pdf (Ideas for developing students’ use of tableau)
| **Skills:** | Use documents to inform artistic choices in ensemble situations to create historically accurate scenes or tableaux | **Assessment:** | Students will create and perform tableaux across the course of the unit in preparation for final performance. |
| **Teacher Resources:** | http://www.clt.uc.edu/documents/VideoLessons/1_Theatre_Lesson_6.pdf (Simple and clear tableau assessment rubric) |
| **Student Resources:** | http://www.childdrama.com/trailappendix2.html (Good example of a news play script produced by a fourth grade teacher and his students- contains simple blocking suggestions) |
| **3.** | **Description:** | Think/work like a (theater) artist - Blocking monologue performance and corresponding visuals | **Teacher Resources:** | http://www.childdrama.com/trail5.html (News play rehearsal suggestions from one fourth grade teacher’s work with his students)
http://www.childdrama.com/trailappendix2.html (Good example of a news play script produced by a fourth grade teacher and his students-contains simple blocking suggestions) |
| **Student Resources:** | http://www.childdrama.com/trailappendix2.html (Good example of a news play script produced by a fourth grade teacher and his students- contains simple blocking suggestions) |
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Skills: Follow basic stage directions

Assessment: Students will practice and demonstrate knowledge of stage directions throughout the unit in preparation for final performance. [Link](http://www.rcampus.com/rubricshowc.cfm?code=Z995A&sp=true) (Modifiable rubric for basic stage directions)

### Prior Knowledge and Experiences

The description of the working knowledge and skills necessary for students to access the learning experiences throughout the unit. Teachers will use their professional judgment and knowledge of their students (including information gained from relevant pre-assessments) to determine the kinds of introductory learning experiences and/or reinforcement experiences that may need to be delivered prior to or within the unit.

### Learning Experience # 1

**Social Studies Focus**

The teacher may have students brainstorm things/products that are currently in “fashion” for 4th graders, so that students can begin thinking about social/cultural trends and the demand for and production of particular goods.

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**Yellow:** Peripheral affective goals are met through the work. Learning is demonstrated in one discipline or the other, but not both.

| Generalization Connection(s): | **Social Studies:**
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| Changing (or constant) values often bring about boom and bust economic cycles that shape/determine the future and direction of a state’s growth |

**Teacher Resources:**

- [http://www.crazyfads.com](http://www.crazyfads.com) (Images and descriptions of “modern day” fads/trends)
- [http://www.badfads.com](http://www.badfads.com) (Images and descriptions of “modern day” fads/trends)

**Student Resources:**

N/A

**Assessment:**

Students generate a classroom definition of a “fad,” considering what distinguishes a fad from basic necessities and/or longstanding social traditions or “staples”.

**Differentiation:**

(Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding.)

**Access (Resources and/or Process):**

- Photos and/or pictorial representations of fads/trends particularly relevant to students today
- Students may work with a partner or in small groups to determine/select visuals

**Expression (Products and/or Performance):**

- Students may create (and orally defend) a visual mosaic that presents the differences between social fads/trends and staples
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#### Critical Content:
- Supply and demand

#### Key Skills:
- Analyze cause and effect relationships between societal values/needs and individual lives

#### Critical Language:
- Cause and effect, values, demand, supply

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### Learning Experience # 2

#### Social Studies Focus

The teacher may have students investigate how word spreads about a particular product so that students can determine what factors can make products popular.

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**Social Studies:**
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#### Student Resources:
N/A

#### Assessment:
Students will generate a classroom list of fads, current or past, and how word may have spread about these fads, listing the factors that made them popular.

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4th Grade, Integrated – Drama and Theatre Arts, and Social Studies        Unit Title: Bust a Move: Bringing Colorado History to Life through Newsplay
Learning Experience # 3

**Drama and Theatre Arts Focus**

The teacher may have students brainstorm the ways in which people get information (today) so that students can begin considering how people in the past (i.e., before television and the internet) heard about current events and fads.

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**Generalization Connection(s):**

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**Teacher Resources:**

http://www.newsreelarchive.com/ (Newsreel archives with stories from 1930s-1950s)
http://newdeal.feri.org/power/pwr1-05.htm (4th grade student appropriate scene from “Power” a Federal Theatre Project news play)

**Student Resources:**

N/A

**Assessment:**

Students will create a word wall with sources of news from pre-television/internet days and today. Students may also create a Wordle of news and communication words that occur most frequently on individual students’ lists of words for the word wall.
http://www.wordle.net/ (Create a Wordle image of words you choose)

**Differentiation:**
(Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding.)

Access (Resources and/or Process)
Photos and visual images of people getting news (newspapers, newsreels, telegraphs, etc.)
Use Google Image search

Expression (Products and/or Performance)
Students may create mosaics of news images and/or physically connect visual images with the words on the word wall.

**Extensions for depth and complexity:**

Access (Resources and/or Process)
http://www.writedesignonline.com/organizers/comparecontrast.html#t-chart (Printable templates for documenting compare/contrast- Venn diagrams, T charts, etc.)

Expression (Products and/or Performance)
Students may create an organizer comparing and contrasting the strengths and limitations and/or the differences between the news sources of the past and those of the present

**Critical Content:**

- Ways in which communication happens by era

**Key Skills:**

- Brainstorming, activating prior knowledge

**Critical Language:**

Newsreel, telegraph, Pony Express, news plays
## Learning Experience # 4

**Both disciplines integrated**

The teacher may bring in (historical) examples/snippets of living newspapers (scripts) and newsreels to introduce the idea of a “news play” so that students can examine how Drama and Theatre Arts can communicate important news events.

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| Assessment: | Students will complete a semantic web with “news play” as the center/topic, and document all of the words, concepts, ideas, details, etc. they connect/associate with the topic and how news plays can communicate different perspectives on an event.  

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http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/cluster_web3.pdf (Basic cluster/word web template) | Students may complete a partially pre-populated word web for news play |

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Students may use news play scenes and/or newsreels to create a semantic web documenting the emotions they convey (and the means employed to convey them) |

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<td>• How news is archived in various eras</td>
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**Learning Experience # 5**

**Social Studies Focus**

The teacher may bring in (trapping/trading) artifacts and primary and secondary sources (letters, advertisements, etc.) so that students can consider the “demands” and social trends that brought traders and trappers (mountain men) to Colorado and the natural resources that facilitated their work in the state.

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|                             | Physical characteristics and human activity (availability and allocation of resources) within different regions and locations contribute to the sustainability of “booms”  

| Teacher Resources: | **http://www.historycolorado.org/educators/mountain-man-artifact-kit** (Colorado’s fur trade comes to life in this kit that includes artifacts, photos, activities, and much more)  
|                   | **Historical Atlas of Colorado** by T. Noel, P. Mahoney & R. Stevens  
|                   | **Atlas of the New West** by W. Riebsame  

| Student Resources: | **http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/trappers/themes.htm** (A journey into Colorado’s trapping/trading history in the company of people who made that history)  
|                   | **http://coloradomountainman.us/mountainman.php** (Names and bios of significant mountain men)  
|                   | **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ceJak98RF0** (Short video on beaver top hats-with transcription)  
|                   | **Colorado: Crossroads of the west** by F. Metcalf and M. Downey  
|                   | **A Rendezvous with Colorado History** by D. Dutton and C. Humphries  
|                   | **A Kids Look at Colorado** by P. Perry  

| Assessment: | Students will begin mapping activities to document the locations for the work of the mountain men (including trapping and trading).  
|             | In addition, students will begin the creation of individual timelines for Colorado history- See “Ongoing” experiences for description of tech tools to facilitate the mapping and timeline work  
|             | **http://www.timetoast.com/** (Free, web-based timeline program that is user friendly)  
|             | **http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/blm/cultresser/co/2/chap2.htm** (Map of Colorado fur trade routes)  

Key Skills:  
- Write and/or speak expressively in order to communicate a range of emotions resulting from historical conflicts and situations

Critical Language:  
- Communicate, emotions, portray, perspective, media, news play
## Differentiation:
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<td>Students may order or sequence information on trade routes using visual or graphic organizers. Students may give examples of the lives of explorers using illustrated and/or pictorial scenes. Students may (orally) provide locations for map creation. Students may work in pairs or in groups to generate examples and to locate mapping sites.</td>
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<td><a href="http://coloradomountainman.us/mountainman.php">http://coloradomountainman.us/mountainman.php</a> (Names and bios of significant mountain men)</td>
<td>Students may create timelines and/or maps related to the lives of significant historical actors in the mountain man era. <a href="http://www.timetoast.com/">http://www.timetoast.com/</a> (Free, web-based timeline program that is user friendly)</td>
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## Critical Content:
- Colorado Mountain Men and the lives of fur traders/trappers (e.g., Jim Beckwourth, William Bent, Charles Bent, Kit Carson)
- Use of beaver fur
- Colorado’s natural/physical resources
- Events/details of Colorado rendezvous

## Key Skills:
- Define positive/negative economic incentives
- Use maps to locate resources and regions
- Analyze primary and secondary sources to place significant events in historical sequence

## Critical Language:
Incentives, rendezvous, traders, trapper, physical resources, natural resources, economic incentive, regions

## Learning Experience # 6

### Social Studies Focus

The teacher may bring in (mining) artifacts and primary and secondary sources (newspaper articles, personal journals, etc.) so that students can examine the demands (scarcity and value) that brought prospective miners to Colorado and the natural resources that facilitated initial mining efforts in the state.

### Integration Continuum Color: GREEN  BLUE  PINK  YELLOW

YELLOW: Peripheral affective goals are met through the work. Learning is demonstrated in one discipline or the other, but not both.

### Generalization Connection(s):

**Social Studies:**
- Changing (or constant) values often bring about boom and bust economic cycles that shape/determine the future and direction of a state’s growth.
- Humans alter and adapt to existing natural resources to meet personal, cultural, and economic needs.
- Physical characteristics and human activity (availability and allocation of resources) within different regions and locations contribute to the sustainability of “booms”

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4th Grade, Integrated – Drama and Theatre Arts, and Social Studies  
Unit Title: Bust a Move: Bringing Colorado History to Life through Newplay
### Teacher Resources:
- [Reference](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/calbk:@field%28DOCID+@lit%28calbk096div7%29%29) (Primary source material-miner letters from Colorado)
- [Reference](http://www.westernmininghistory.com/articles/11/page1/) (General and background information on the Colorado gold and silver rush)
- [Reference](http://www.historycolorado.org/educators/check-out-artifact-kits) (Like the Mountain Man Kit, this kit contains artifacts, photos, and activities oriented around Colorado mining)
- [Reference](http://www.mininghalloffame.org/) (Nation Mining Museum- Leadville)

### Student Resources:
- [Reference](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVpoURZxCus) (General Colorado Gold Rush movie-with transcription)
- [Reference](http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/mining/themes.htm) (A journey into Colorado's mining history in the company of people who made that history)
  - *Colorado: Crossroads of the west* by F. Metcalf and M. Downey
  - *A Rendezvous with Colorado History* by D. Dutton and C. Humphries
  - *A Kids Look at Colorado* by P. Perry

### Assessment:
Students will continue mapping activities to document the locations of the mines and mining towns (including placer and hard rock locations). In addition, students will continue individual timelines for Colorado history- See “Ongoing” experiences for description of tech tools to facilitate the mapping and timeline work.
- [Reference](http://www.timetoast.com/) (Free, web-based timeline program that is user friendly)
- [Reference](http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/blm/cultresser/co/2/chap2.htm) (Map of Colorado fur trade routes)

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<td>Students may order or sequence information on gold and silver discoveries using visual or graphic organizers</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.miningbureau.com/">Reference</a> (Colorado mining history in text, photographs and images)</td>
<td>Students may give (oral or written) examples of the lives of miners using illustrated and/or pictorial scenes</td>
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<td><em>Colorado</em> (Rookie Read-About Geography) by C. Walker</td>
<td>Students may provide (orally) locations for maps</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.mininghalloffame.org/inductee.asp?i=185&amp;b=inductees%2Easp&amp;t=n&amp;p=H&amp;s=">Reference</a> (Example biography of Nathaniel Hill-prominent Colorado miner. One of many Colorado inductees in the Mining Hall of Fame)</td>
<td>Students may work in pairs or in groups to generate examples and to locate mapping sites</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.timetoast.com/">Reference</a> (Free, web-based timeline program that is user friendly)</td>
<td>Students may create timelines and/or maps related to the lives of significant historical characters in Colorado’s gold and silver mining booms</td>
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4th Grade, Integrated – Drama and Theatre Arts, and Social Studies  
Unit Title: Bust a Move: Bringing Colorado History to Life through Newsplay
### Critical Content:
- Placer mining work
- Hard-rock mining work
- Major Gold Mines in Colorado: Cripple Creek, Cherry Creek, Idaho Springs
- Rush slogans: “Pikes Peak or Bust”

### Key Skills:
- Define positive/negative economic incentives
- Use maps to locate resources and regions
- Analyze primary and secondary sources to place significant events in historical sequence

### Critical Language:
Incentives, supply, demand, mining, regions, human activity, natural resources, physical resources, prospectors

### Learning Experience # 7

#### Social Studies Focus
The teacher may use historical and contemporary sources to document the lives of Colorado miners/fur traders and their experiences so that students can compare the economic opportunities/risks of miners and fur traders.

#### Integration Continuum Color: GREEN  BLUE  PINK  YELLOW
YELLOW: Peripheral affective goals are met through the work. Learning is demonstrated in one discipline or the other, but not both.

#### Generalization Connection(s):

**Social Studies:**
- Changing (or constant) values often bring about boom and bust economic cycles that shape/determine the future and direction of a state’s growth
- Every economic decision involves both potential risks and benefits

#### Teacher Resources:
- *Historical Atlas of Colorado* by T. Noel, P. Mahoney & R. Stevens

#### Student Resources:
- *Colorado: Crossroads of the west* by F. Metcalf and M. Downey
- *A Rendezvous with Colorado History* by D. Dutton and C. Humphries
- *A Kids Look at Colorado* by P. Perry

#### Assessment:
Students will construct two Venn diagrams to critically examine and defend answers to the following questions: What are the similarities and differences between the fur trade/trapping boom and the gold and silver booms in Colorado? And, what are the similarities and differences between the risks associated with the fur trade/trapping and gold and silver mining in Colorado?
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<td><a href="http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/sequence.pdf">http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/sequence.pdf</a> (Printable template for documenting cause-effect relationships)</td>
<td>Students may use the graphic organizers and maps created so far to document cause and effect relationships in the mining booms (e.g., the growth of mining towns, tourism)</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.telegramsworldwide.com/send.php">http://www.telegramsworldwide.com/send.php</a> (Create and send, via e-mail, authentic looking telegrams)</td>
<td>Students may “dictate” a telegram describing life as a miner and in a mining town</td>
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<td>Students may “dictate” to a fellow student or to the teacher</td>
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<td>Students may create an advertising campaign (associated with a particular Colorado mining town) designed to attract miners (historical or contemporary)</td>
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### Critical Content:
- Supply and demand (mining in Colorado)
- Placer mining work
- Hard-rock mining work
- Hydraulic mining work
- Major Gold Mines in Colorado: Cripple Creek, Cherry Creek, Idaho Springs
- Rush slogans: “Pikes Peak or Bust”
- Productive resource (natural, human, capital) allocation in Colorado history
- Regional development in Colorado
- Human interaction with the environment
- Resource depletion as a result of use/misuse

### Key Skills:
- Analyze cause and effect relationships between societal values/needs and individual lives, the physical environment, and the economy
- Define positive/negative economic incentives
- Use maps to locate resources and regions
- Analyze primary and secondary sources to place significant events in historical sequence

### Critical Language:
- Incentives, rendezvous, miners, economic incentive, supply and demand, opportunity costs

### Learning Experience # 8

**Social Studies Focus**
The teacher may use maps, demographic data and other historical sources to help students analyze the effects of the gold/silver and fur trading “booms” on the resources and landscape of Colorado and to consider the lack of sustainability “busts” (e.g., popularity, scarcity of resources) of early mining and trading (and later mining efforts) in the state.
### Integration Continuum Color: GREEN BLUE PINK YELLOW

**YELLOW:** Peripheral affective goals are met through the work. Learning is demonstrated in one discipline or the other, but not both.

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- [http://hhengineering.com/COLORADOGOLD.htm](http://hhengineering.com/COLORADOGOLD.htm) (Maps of contemporary gold mining in Colorado)

### Student Resources:

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txUjNxLUY20](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txUjNxLUY20) (Colorado Gold Rush movie with maps/locations and names of important miners-with transcription)
- [http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/trappers/themes.htm](http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/trappers/themes.htm) (A journey into Colorado’s history in the company of people who made that history)
- [http://coloradomountainman.us/mountainman.php](http://coloradomountainman.us/mountainman.php) (Names and bios of significant mountain men)
- [http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/economics/supplyanddemand1.htm](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/economics/supplyanddemand1.htm) (General/basic overview of the concepts of supply and demand)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNFtILG6HsI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNFtILG6HsI) (Short video-with transcription-that describes demand for and over-trapping of beavers)

*Additional resources:

- Colorado: Crossroads of the west by F. Metcalf and M. Downey
- A Rendezvous with Colorado History by D. Dutton and C. Humphries
- A Kids Look at Colorado by P. Perry


### Assessment:

Students will choose which era (fur trade, mining) to write a diary entry about the negative effects of the fur trade practices or the mining impact.

- Fur trade: they may choose to describe the lack of beavers (due to over trapping) OR they may choose to describe the diminished demand for beaver top hats (i.e. the growth in the ‘silk top hat’ trend)
- Mining: they may choose to explain why mining companies should clean up the area surrounding the mine. Using an image from the link, [http://www.miningartifacts.org/Colorado-Mines.html](http://www.miningartifacts.org/Colorado-Mines.html) (Great visuals/pictures of Colorado mines and mining) students need to support their position using facts and information from the primary and secondary sources.

**And/Or**

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<td>Students may document the growth (and demise) of a selected town that resulted from either the gold and silver booms and busts</td>
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| Critical Language: | Natural and physical resources, regions, sustainability, depletion, veins |

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<td>Both disciplines integrated</td>
<td>The teacher may bring in visuals (e.g., photos of miners, miners' families, fur traders, rendezvous) so that students can begin to consider the ways in which media and/or tableau can help enhance a story and illuminate characters’ perspective(s) in a dramatic performance.</td>
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Integration Continuum Color: [GREEN BLUE PINK YELLOW](#) | GREEN: Active involvement in developmentally appropriate knowledge production results in work that fuses arts and non-arts disciplines.
# Colorado Teacher-Authored Sample Instructional Unit

## Generalization Connection(s):

**Drama and Theater Arts:**
Interesting, dramatic compositions employ a range of emotions in order to accurately portray a spectrum of perspectives

**Social Studies:**
Humans alter and adapt to existing natural resources to meet personal, cultural, and economic needs

## Teacher Resources:

- [https://www.google.com/search?q=colorado+gold+rush+images&tbm=isch&to=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=fUcvU9rxMlq5qAHp4IG4Bg&ved=0CCcQsAQ&biw=1283&bih=809](https://www.google.com/search?q=colorado+gold+rush+images&tbm=isch&to=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=fUcvU9rxMlq5qAHp4IG4Bg&ved=0CCcQsAQ&biw=1283&bih=809) (Images of Colorado’s gold rush)
- [http://www.goldbeltbyway.com/byway-history](http://www.goldbeltbyway.com/byway-history) (Images of and information on the Colorado gold rush)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nlxw9qflKXk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nlxw9qflKXk) (Explanation of Tableau)

## Student Resources:

- [https://www.google.com/search?q=colorado+gold+rush+images&tbm=isch&to=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=fUcvU9rxMlq5qAHp4IG4Bg&ved=0CCcQsAQ&biw=1283&bih=809](https://www.google.com/search?q=colorado+gold+rush+images&tbm=isch&to=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=fUcvU9rxMlq5qAHp4IG4Bg&ved=0CCcQsAQ&biw=1283&bih=809) (Images of Colorado’s gold rush)
- [http://www.goldbeltbyway.com/byway-history](http://www.goldbeltbyway.com/byway-history) (Images of and information on the Colorado gold rush)
- [http://www.timetoast.com/timelines/gold-rushes-of-the-1800s](http://www.timetoast.com/timelines/gold-rushes-of-the-1800s) (Student-generated timelines of various gold rushes of the late 1800s)
- [http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/teachers/essays/miners.htm](http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/teachers/essays/miners.htm) (Lives of gold miners)

## Assessment:

Students will work in small groups to create tableau based on the photographs (that highlight different perspectives) around the gold rush.


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## Critical Content:

- The conflicts and emotion within interesting stories
- How actors represent historical events accurately

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4th Grade, Integrated – Drama and Theatre Arts, and Social Studies  Unit Title: Bust a Move: Bringing Colorado History to Life through Newsplay

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**Key Skills:**
- Follow basic stage directions
- Use documents to inform artistic choices in ensemble situations to create historically accurate scenes or tableaux
- Write and/or speak expressively in order to communicate a range of emotions resulting from historical conflicts and situations

| Critical Language: | Conflict, tension, communicate, emotions, primary sources, secondary sources, portray, perspective, scene, blocking, stage direction, tableaux, dramatic compositions, ensemble |

| Learning Experience # 10 | Both disciplines integrated |

The teacher may use sources (from previous learning experiences) as the bases so that students can explore through improvisational games (e.g., improvisational interviews) multiple perspectives on the gold rush and fur trade (miners and their families, Native Americans, fur traders).

**Generalization Connection(s):**

| Drama and Theater Arts: | Observations of historical events can inform non-stereotypical improvisation enhancing the understanding of multiple perspectives for character representations |
| | Patterns of tension and conflict across cultures communicate essential information about characters through time in order to make personal connections between history and current events |
| | Interesting, dramatic compositions employ a range of emotions in order to accurately portray a spectrum of perspectives |

| Social Studies: | Humans alter and adapt to existing natural resources to meet personal, cultural, and economic needs |

**Teacher Resources:**
- [http://www.miningbureau.com/](http://www.miningbureau.com/) (General Colorado mining overview)
- [The Contested Plains: Indians, gold seekers, and the rush to Colorado](http://mrsbuffington.weebly.com/pikes-peak-gold-rush.html) by Elliott West
- [http://plays.about.com/od/improvgames/a/Improv-Interview-Games.htm](http://plays.about.com/od/improvgames/a/Improv-Interview-Games.htm) (Improvisational interview ideas)
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http://www.timetoast.com/timelines/gold-rushes-of-the-1800s  (Student-generated timelines of various gold rushes of the late 1800s)

http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/teachers/essays/miners.htm  (Lives of gold miners)

Assessment:

Students will choose a persona they have studied or developed during the improvisational game and prior research, so students can take on the character and debate (with classmates) one of several options; land ownership, land usage, sustainability, risk and opportunity.

http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/tchart_eng.pdf  (Printable template for pro and con chart)

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| Students may use written scripts instead of thinking on their feet and have scenarios provided for them. | Students may be allowed to work in groups and be given extra time to process the required information.

http://teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/tlresources/units/Read_S/Script%20writing%20grade%204-6%20by%20Natalie%20Holt.pdf  (Elementary level lesson plan for script writing)

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| http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/tchart_eng.pdf  (Printable template for T charts) | Students may produce a T chart documenting the different perspectives (side-by-side) of the miners, Colorado politicians, tribal representatives, and others.

Critical Content:

- The conflicts and emotion within interesting stories
- How actors represent historical events accurately

Key Skills:

- Use documents to inform artistic choices in ensemble situations to create historically accurate scenes or tableaux
- Write and/or speak expressively in order to communicate a range of emotions resulting from historical conflicts and situations

Critical Language:

Conflict, tension, communicate, emotions, primary sources, secondary sources, portray, perspective, scene, dramatic compositions, ensemble, improvisation, non-stereotypical improvisation

Learning Experience # 11

**Both disciplines integrated**

The teacher may utilize Colorado news stories (e.g., historical or contemporary) as the basis for improvisational pieces so that students can experiment with performances that reflect/capture different perspectives on an issue/event.
# Integration Continuum Color: GREEN  BLUE  PINK  YELLOW

PINK: Work combines some techniques, skills, and concepts from arts and non-arts disciplines, but proficiency is uneven.

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| Student Resources: | http://magazines.scholastic.com/ (Student friendly and age appropriate news site with current events and unique human/student interest stories) |

| Assessment: | Students will begin reflective journals on the experience of the news play, with this iteration focusing on the improvisational work. If necessary, students can utilize prompt for this initial entry (e.g., What did I do, or what could I have done better, to convey the perspective I was asked to present in today’s improvisation? What did other performers do well that helped convey the perspective(s) they were given in the improvisation?) |

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<td><a href="https://www.teachervision.com/graphic-organizers/printable/48390.html">https://www.teachervision.com/graphic-organizers/printable/48390.html</a> (Basic double entry journal template)</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork/crp/files/Samplepeerevaluationform.pdf">http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork/crp/files/Samplepeerevaluationform.pdf</a> (Modifiable peer evaluation form)</td>
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| Expression (Products and/or Performance) | Students may complete prompts such as: What did other performers do well that helped convey the perspective(s) they were given in the improvisation? What words and/or facial expressions worked (or could have worked) to better convey a perspective or emotion? |

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*Colorado Teacher-Authored Sample Instructional Unit*
Key Skills:
- Use documents to inform artistic choices in ensemble situations to create historically accurate scenes or tableau
- Write and/or speak expressively in order to communicate a range of emotions resulting from historical conflicts and situations

Critical Language:
Conflict, tension, communicate, emotions, primary sources, secondary sources, portray, perspective, improvisation, non-stereotypical improvisation

Learning Experience # 12

Both disciplines integrated

The teacher may introduce the basis for a news play (the timeline, people, conflict, and outcomes of the Colorado gold rush and fur trade) so that students will be able to comprehend the significance of these events in (Colorado and US) history.

Integration Continuum Color: GREEN BLUE PINK YELLOW
PINK: Work combines some techniques, skills, and concepts from arts and non-arts disciplines, but proficiency is uneven.

Generalization Connection(s):

Social Studies:
Changing (or constant) values often bring about boom and bust economic cycles that shape/determine the future and direction of a state’s growth

Drama and Theatre Arts:
Observations of historical events can inform non-stereotypical improvisation enhancing the understanding of multiple perspectives for character representations

Teacher Resources:
- [http://www.miningbureau.com/](http://www.miningbureau.com/) (General Colorado mining overview)

Teacher Notes:
There are very few resources on News Plays, since they were performed live before recording technology was available. Therefore we have included links for events that took place during a later time period, so you can get a general understanding of what a News Play would look like. We have included links on a Living Newspaper from the WPA as another source. Modern examples of a Living Newspaper would include shows such as The Daily Show or The Weekend Update (Saturday Night Live). These are not examples that are not suitable for students to view, however they give the teacher a better understanding of Living Newspapers.
**Colorado Teacher-Authored Sample Instructional Unit**

| Student Resources: | http://www.childdrama.com/trailappendix2.html (Example script of News Play of Oregon Trail prepared by same teacher in above link.)  
http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=video+of+living+newspaper&qpvt=video+of+living+newspaper&FORM=VDRE&adlt=strict#view=detail&mid=2658E1F805298372C652658E1F805298372C65 (WPA Living Newspaper example)  
http://tinyurl.com/m7j7xvx (Dust Bowl news coverage that depicts content that would have been typical of a News Play from the 1930s.)  
http://www.timetoast.com/timelines/gold-rushes-of-the-1800s (Student-generated timelines of various gold rushes of the late 1800s)  
http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/teachers/essays/miners.htm (Lives of gold miners) |

| Assessment: | Students will create timelines of the events and outcomes of the Colorado gold rush (teachers can decide the extent of the time period, including pre and post events)  
http://www.timetoast.com/ (Free, web-based timeline program that is user friendly) |

| Differentiation: | Access (Resources and/or Process)  
http://www.timetoast.com/ (Free, web-based timeline program that is user friendly)  
Students may work in pairs or in groups to generate examples for the timeline  
Students may complete either a modified timeline or focus on particular events to document  
Students may receive prewritten events in which they must identify the dates and put them into chronological order  
Expression (Products and/or Performance)  
Students may draft an outline of a news play monologue (from one perspective) based on a current event |

| Extensions for depth and complexity: | Access (Resources and/or Process)  
http://magazines.scholastic.com/ (Student friendly and age appropriate news site with current events and unique human/student interest stories)  
Critical Content:  
• The conflicts and emotion within interesting stories  
• How actors represent historical events accurately  
Key Skills:  
• Use documents to inform artistic choices in ensemble situations to create historically accurate scenes or tableaux  
• Write and/or speak expressively in order to communicate a range of emotions resulting from historical conflicts and situations  
Critical Language:  
Conflict, tension, communicate, emotions, primary sources, secondary sources, portray, perspective, scene, dramatic compositions, improvisation, non-stereotypical improvisation, media, news play |
### Learning Experience # 13

#### Both disciplines integrated

The teacher may revisit the “characters” (miners, fur traders, Native Americans) so that students can begin considering which perspectives will be most effective in conveying the story of the conflict and its outcomes in a dramatic performance.

#### Integration Continuum Color: **GREEN**  **BLUE**  **PINK**  **YELLOW**

**GREEN**: Active involvement in developmentally appropriate knowledge production results in work that fuses arts and non-arts disciplines.

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<td>Students will use their reflective journals to create a three column chart (Miners, Fur Traders and Native Americans) to summarize the perspectives of each group. Students will identify the particular conflict(s) of each group and begin to reflect on which conflict/perspective they would like to portray in a dramatic performance.</td>
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<td><a href="http://freeology.com/graphicorgs/blank-3-column-notes-form/">http://freeology.com/graphicorgs/blank-3-column-notes-form/</a></td>
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# Critical Content:

- The conflicts and emotion within interesting stories
- How actors represent historical events accurately

# Key Skills:

- Use documents to inform artistic choices in ensemble situations to create historically accurate scenes or tableaux
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# Critical Language:

Conflict, tension, communicate, emotions, primary sources, secondary sources, portray, perspective, dramatic compositions, ensemble

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## Learning Experience # 14

### Drama and Theatre Arts Focus

The teacher may facilitate discussions about the differences between people’s actual experiences vs. portrayals of the experience so that students may critically examine the ways in which actors’ beliefs/opinions can (intentionally or unintentionally) influence performance choices.

### Integration Continuum Color:

**YELLOW**: Peripheral affective goals are met through the work. Learning is demonstrated in one discipline or the other, but not both.

### Generalization Connection(s):

**Drama and Theatre Arts**:
- Observations of historical events can inform non-stereotypical improvisation enhancing the understanding of multiple perspectives for character representations
- Patterns of tension and conflict across cultures communicate essential information about characters through time in order to make personal connections between history and current events

### Teacher Resources:

- [http://www.childdrama.com/newsplays.html](http://www.childdrama.com/newsplays.html) (Good discussion of news plays and one fourth grade teacher’s techniques with his students)

### Student Resources:

- N/A

### Assessment:

- Students will complete a Venn diagram comparing the similarities and differences between oral histories and/or primary source material and the dramatic performances of these (or based on these) sources [http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/venn.pdf](http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/venn.pdf) (Printable template for documenting Venn diagrams)
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(Printable template for documenting Venn diagrams)  
Students may collaborate in smaller groups  
Students may be given easily relatable experiences | Students may complete a partially completed Venn diagram and/or orally present the similarities and differences between oral histories and/or primary source material and the dramatic performances of these (or based on these) sources |

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(Printable template for documenting Venn diagrams) | Students may complete a Venn diagram that makes a case for the strengths (or limitations) of oral histories and/or primary source material and the dramatic performances of these (or based on these) sources for communicating the importance of an event |

### Critical Content:

- The conflicts and emotion within interesting stories
- How actors represent historical events accurately

### Key Skills:

- Use documents to inform artistic choices in ensemble situations to create historically accurate scenes or tableau
- Write and/or speak expressively in order to communicate a range of emotions resulting from historical conflicts and situations

### Critical Language:

- Conflict, tension, communicate, emotions, primary sources, secondary sources, portray, perspective, dramatic compositions,
- ensemble, media, news play

### Learning Experience # 15

**Drama and Theatre Arts Focus**

The teacher may bring in examples of audience participation techniques so that students can analyze and consider the best ways to get feedback on the impact of a news play performance.

### Integration Continuum Color: GREEN  BLUE  PINK  YELLOW

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[http://mining.state.co.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/Colorado%20Gold%20Rush.pdf](http://mining.state.co.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/Colorado%20Gold%20Rush.pdf) (Colorado gold rush-150 year anniversary) |
| Assessment: | As a class, students will draft a short questionnaire for gathering feedback from potential audiences of a news play on the Colorado gold rush.  
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### Critical Content:
- The conflicts and emotion within interesting stories
- How actors represent historical events accurately

### Key Skills:
Peer critiquing, acting as a respectful audience member

### Critical Language:
Conflict, tension, communicate, emotions, primary sources, secondary sources, portray, perspective, scene, blocking, stage direction, tableaux, dramatic compositions, ensemble, improvisation, Non-stereotypical improvisation

### Learning Experience # 16

**Both disciplines integrated**
(Post Performance Assessment) The teacher may provide contemporary news stories so that students can analyze and depict the ways in which historical events can still resonate today (e.g., issues of sustainability).

#### Integration Continuum Color:
- **GREEN**: Active involvement in developmentally appropriate knowledge production results in work that fuses arts and non-arts disciplines.

#### Generalization Connection(s):
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**Drama and Theatre Arts:**
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#### Teacher Resources:
- [http://www.coloradomining.org/mc_miningfacts.php](http://www.coloradomining.org/mc_miningfacts.php) (Colorado mining today)
- [http://www.victorcolorado.com/mining.htm](http://www.victorcolorado.com/mining.htm) (Contemporary Colorado gold mining)
- [http://www.cologold.com/history.htm](http://www.cologold.com/history.htm) (Images and information about Colorado gold mining today)
- [http://www.goldbeltbyway.com/byway-history](http://www.goldbeltbyway.com/byway-history) (Images of and information on the Colorado gold rush)
- [http://cied.uark.edu/KMIsiewiczTableauInTheClassroom.pdf](http://cied.uark.edu/KMIsiewiczTableauInTheClassroom.pdf) (Ideas for developing students’ use of tableau)
# Student Resources:

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- [http://bewit.unco.edu/dohist/teachers/essays/miners.htm](http://bewit.unco.edu/dohist/teachers/essays/miners.htm) (Lives of gold miners)

# Assessment:

Students will complete a “then and now” graphic organizer comparing the lives of the mine workers (See Learning Experience # 5) with mine workers today and use the organizer to develop comparison tableaus.

- [http://www.history.org/history/teaching/enewsletter/volume5/images/Influenced%20by%20None/thenandnow_go.pdf](http://www.history.org/history/teaching/enewsletter/volume5/images/Influenced%20by%20None/thenandnow_go.pdf) (Great modifiable example of a then and now organizer)


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<td>Students may use visuals to depict the lives of miners at the time of and miners today</td>
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<td>Students may create a mini-performance of the victories/concessions won by miners in Colorado Fuel &amp; Iron’s response to Ludlow strike</td>
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