

Colorado History Syllabus

FIRST SEMESTER

Week 1 - Class Rules and Expectations, start Table of Contents for binder, map of U.S. and Colorado, map definitions

Homework: decorate class binder, ask parents about states have visited and how long have lived in CO

Week 2 – Share homework. State symbols

Homework: Finish color pages. Read pgs. 172-179 in A Kid's Look at Colorado. Choose one symbol we didn't cover in class, draw picture, color, and write about.

Week 3 – Share homework. CO state information, seal, and flag

Homework: Finish coloring state seal. Finish state flag.

Week 4 – Share homework. Go over Table of Contents and binder. Geographical Formations of Colorado and map of Colorado Plateau and Rio Grande Rift

Homework: None this week

Week 5 – The Great Plains, facts, map of Great Plains across the U.S., and map of the Front Range and Great Plains in Colorado

Homework: Look up population of 3 Front Range cities and 3 Great Plains cities and compare. Which areas have more/less people? Why? Color bison picture. Read pgs. 3-4 in textbook.

Week 6 – Share homework. Map of Rivers, Continental Divide, and Hot springs; map of Rocky Mountain Ranges, Parks, and Peaks; and mountain vocabulary

Homework: Start drawing map of Colorado; study everything we've learned so far

Week 7 – Rocky Mountain Ranges, Parks, and Peaks; mountain vocabulary

Homework: Work on map of Colorado; study everything we've learned so far

Week 8 – Study for Quiz by playing a game

Homework: Finish drawing a physical map of CO, study for quiz

Week 9 – Take Quiz; share maps

Week 10 – CO National Parks and Monuments, and map

Homework: Choose one of the National Parks or Monuments. Research and write about what you would like to visit. Tell about the natural history of people, plants, and animals that have lived there. Read Ch. 1 of textbook pgs. 7-21.

Week 11 – CO Landmarks and map

Homework: Finish Ch. 1 in textbook. Write a paragraph stating which one you have visited (or want to visit). Tell me information about where it is located, when it was founded, why it is important, and what fun things there are to do there.

Week 12 – Colorado Life Zones – semidesert, grasslands, foothills

Homework: Begin thinking about diorama project. You will choose one of the life zones. Follow included directions for creating your diorama. Work on notebook.

Week 13 – Life Zones – Montane forest, foothills, riparian

Homework: Work on diorama. Work on notebook.

Week 14 – Life zones – subalpine and alpine

Homework: Diorama. Turn notebook in.

Week 15 – Diorama Presentation and games

SECOND SEMESTER

Week 16 – Colorado Weather, flooding, temperature and precipitation

Homework: None

Week 17 – Tornadoes and Wildfires

Homework: None

Week 18 – Timeline of CO History, first people of CO, pinch pot

Homework: Read Ch.3 in textbook

Week 19– Early Explorers of CO, timeline

Homework: Work on binder.

Week 20 – More Explorers of CO, timeline

Homework: Read Ch. 5 in textbook. Work on binder.

Week 21 – Louisiana Purchase and map

Homework: Study all notes for a quiz next week. Work on binder. Read Ch. 6 in textbook. Finish map.

Week 22 – Share homework. More Explorers, Trappers, and Mountain Men

Homework: Research a Mountain Man. Write a three to five paragraph bibliography of the man you choose: James Beckwourth, William Bent, Lancaster Lupton, Jim Bridger, Antoine Janis.

Week 23 – Life as a Mountain Man Game and quiz

Homework: No Homework. Study for quiz. Work on binder.

Week 24 – Quiz over Weeks 16-24

Homework: Work on binder.

Week 25 – Famous Coloradoans and timeline

Homework: Read Ch. 8 in textbook. Start famous Coloradoan report, due last day. Work on binder.

Week 26 – Famous Coloradoans, and timeline

Homework: Work on famous Coloradoan Report, due last day. Find out about state and local government.

Week 27 – State and Local Government

Homework: Read Ch. 10. Work on famous Coloradoan report. Read Ch. 9 in textbook. Work on CO Timeline and binder. Binder due in 2 weeks.

Week 28 – Colorado Population and Industry, Farming and Rural CO

Homework: Work on Famous Coloradoan Report. Study for quiz in 2 weeks. Binder due next week.

Week 29 – Review and study together. Binder due today.

Homework: Finish Famous Coloradoan Report. Study for quiz next week.

Week 30 – Quiz and games