

# Educator Overview

Little Town on the Plains: Keota, Colorado



<b>Audience</b>	Grade levels 3-5 ▾	Subject Social Studies ▾	Topic US History Geography
<b>Guiding Questions</b>	1. Why was the town of Keota settled by homesteaders?	2. What national and global events shaped Keota's history?	3. How does life today compare to living in Keota in the 1900s?
<b>Background Knowledge</b>	<p><b>Narrative</b> about the Eastern Plains of Colorado.</p> <p>Consider other background knowledge your students may benefit from knowing (ex. Indigenous peoples in the Americas before European settlement, Colorado geography, westward expansion)</p>		
<b>Guiding Question #1 Activities</b>	<p>Advancements that impacted the settlement of towns in the US during the late 1800s.</p> <p><b>Activity #2</b> <b>Slides</b> about technology developments in late 1800s</p> <p><b>Activity #3</b> <b>Timeline</b>; Homestead Act, settlement in Keota, railroad, telegraph. 1. World events during the time &amp; events occurring in Keota a. <b>Timeline</b>; 1910s-1930s</p> <p><b>Activity #4</b> Students explain which event was the <b>MOST important to settlement of Keota</b> (complete the sentence)</p>		
<b>Guiding Question #2 Activities</b>	<p><b>Activity #5</b> World events during the time &amp; events occurring in Keota <b>Timeline</b>; 1910s-1930s</p> <p><b>Activity #6</b> Students complete <b>cause &amp; effect boxes</b> for global impacts on Keota</p>		

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<b>Guiding Question #3 Activities</b>	<p>Variety of activities to show what life was like in Keota. Consider what you know about your students and their daily lives that might be particularly worth emphasizing throughout these activities. Possible connections to math; cost of items.</p> <p><b>Activity #7</b> People of Keota <b>narrative</b></p> <p><b>Activity #8</b> Keota's General Store <b>hotspot</b></p> <p><b>Activity #9</b> Montgomery Ward catalog <b>Apples to Oranges game</b></p> <p><b>Activity #10</b> A Day in the Life <b>slideshow</b></p> <p><b>Activity #11</b> Students <b>write a telegraph</b> highlighting one difference and one similarity between life in Keota in the 1900s and life now</p>
<b>Other Notes</b>	<p>Additional resource for information about the items available through the Montgomery Ward Catalog (available in Educator Resources section)</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> homesteading, prairie, plains, settlement, founding, national, global, crop, drought</p>