**Early Population Growth Activity: 1800-1870**

Open [***Early Population Growth Activity***](http://unco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=63511ebc459d4df3b251f11b7e71b9ee) PE-1. Right now, the **Mountains,** **Rivers**, and **Current Counties** layers are visible. Most of Colorado’s counties did *not* have these boundaries before 1900. (The current county lines are shown to make it easier for you to locate places).

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| **Step 1** | **Your Task** |
| After making your prediction, use the *Layer List* button to check on (make visible) the **Native Americans 1800-1850** and **Regions** layers. Check off other layers.  | **Population Before the Gold Rush** Before checking on any layers, name the part(s) of the state where you think most of Colorado’s Native American population lived between 1800 and 1850: The Native Americans map shows the approximate range of each group from about 1800 to 1850. For each Native American group, list all of the Colorado Regions in which they lived:

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| **Native American Groups** | **Colorado Regions** |
| Shoshone |  |
| Ute |  |
| Arapaho and S. Cheyenne  |  |
| Kiowa & Comanche |  |

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| **Step 2** | **Your Task** |
|  |  Which Colorado region may have been a meeting ground for the Native American groups that spent most of their times in the Plains and Mountains? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region Exact population numbers for the early 1800s for these Native American groups are not known. What might be some reasons to explain this? |
| **Step 3** | **Your Task** |
| Check OFF the **Native Americans 1800-1850** layer | **Population from the Gold Rush to 1870**Before adding new layers, take a moment to predict where most of the Colorado Territory’s first towns were created after the Gold Rush began in 1858. Name the Colorado region you think these were towns were in, and explain your choice:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region, because…  |
| **Step 4** | **Your Task** |
| Now, Check ON the **City Pop. 1870** layer | Notice where most of the towns were in 1870. Does this match your prediction above? Circle one:  Yes No For each of the regions below, tell one reason that might explain why there were some towns established there very early in the Colorado Territory’s history:

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| Region | Reasons for Towns in 1870s |
| Front Range |  |
| Mountain |  |
| San Luis Valley Area  |  |

Why do you think no towns were established in the **Western Plateaus and Valleys** and **Eastern Plains** regions by 1870?  |