



Activities reinforce Colorado Content Standards using this month's e-editions of the Denver Post.

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ACTIVITY Assignment: This is a two-part writing assignment. Part one is to take the information from a display ad and write a short news article. The second step will be to take information from a story and create a display ad.

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Refer to the display ad for the **Colorado Opera**, page 6E of *Arts & Entertainment*. Use information contained in this ad and write a short news article.

Refer to the article on p. 5B (*Denver & The West*) headlined “**Art is up their alley**”. Use information contained in this article, photo caption and sidebar to create a display ad.

ACTIVITY Article: **Traditional beliefs, modern migration**, *Sun., Aug. 15, Main, p. 1A*
 • The following paragraphs are from the article. Underline verbs and verb phrases.

2

After generations spent in the East and Midwest, Amish families have put down roots in three communities in and near what locals call

“the Valley” — the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado — during the past eight years.

“We had been wanting a little more room, a change in the environment,” said Magdalena Troyer, who moved to the Monte Vista area three years ago from Missouri. “There was a pull to move to the wild West, I guess you’d call it.”

Roughly the size of Connecticut, the Valley lies between the Sangre de Cristo and San Juan mountains. The growing season is short at an average of 7,500 feet above sea level. And though snow graces the mountains, irrigation is needed because little rain falls on the tabletop-flat expanse.

- Which two of these words is the plural form of a noun that means “a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government; the district or locality in which they live”?
 - o generations
 - o communities
 - o roughly
 - o mountains
- Write a complete sentence correctly using each of the words in the preceding answer selection.
- County Commissioner Sandoval said, “What’s interesting is they are all entrepreneurs...” Find an example in the article that supports or illustrates that statement.

ACTIVITY Article: **People of the 2000s**, *Sun., Aug. 15, Sports, p. 9C*

3

Rewrite the following selection from the article editing capitalization, punctuation and spelling (there are 5 corrections to make).

- **Lindsey Vonn**
 Aces the womens’ Downhill four the gold medal early in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver to get the U.S. Ski Team off to a rousing start. The vail resident wins her third strait World Cup overall title in 2010.



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R E A D I N G & W R I T I N G



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Activities are based on all the issues available from the first of the month through the date printed on the activity. Throughout the year you will encounter instances where only one e-edition is referenced; other times an entire month's worth of issues will be available for use and referral. Each activity will be referenced to the issue in which the article or information is contained.

Students will need additional writing material to complete the activities. If you print the activities, the back of the printout can be used. As an alternative, this might be a good time to implement a writing journal. Students can record their answers in one section; they can have another section dedicated to new words.

ACTIVITY 1:

Answers will vary.

ACTIVITY 2:

- Which two of these words is the plural form of a noun that means "a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government; the district or locality in which they live"?
o communities

ACTIVITY 3:

- Lindsey Vonn

Aces the women's downhill for the gold medal early in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver to get the U.S. Ski Team off to a rousing start. The Vail resident wins her third straight World Cup overall title in 2010.

Reading and Writing Standard 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Colorado Model Content Standards for CSAP assessment

Reading and Writing Standard 1: Students read and understand a variety of materials.

Reading and Writing Standard 2: Students write and speak for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Reading and Writing Standard 3: Students write and speak using conventional grammar, usage, sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization and spelling.

Reading and Writing Standard 4: Students apply thinking skills to their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing.

Reading and Writing Standard 5: Students read to locate, select, and make use of relevant information from a variety of media, reference, and technological sources.

Reading and Writing Standard 6: Students read and recognize literature as a record of human experience.

NEW STANDARDS are posted at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CoAcademicStandards.html>

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