



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

**AUGUST 29, 2010**

**ACTIVITY**

Article: **Gulf spill inflames Arctic feud**, *Sun., Aug. 29, Main, p. 1A*

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- Read the article
- Select the main idea expressed in the story.
  - o Inupiat Eskimos hunted a 50-ton bowhead whale in June.
  - o Oil drilling in the frigid waters is delayed by the BP disaster, which worsened fears of Alaskans whose livelihood is the sea.
  - o The issues raised by Point Hope and other Inupiat and environmental groups parallel many of the problems that were uncovered in the gulf after BP's record spill.
  - o The name of the federal Minerals Management Service has been changed to the Bureau of Offshore Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

Article: **Hands-on tourism**, *Sun., Aug. 29, Denver & The West, p. 5B*

- The following paragraphs are from the article. Underline nouns.

**How many children today had a chance to pluck a warm egg from a chicken's nest or pull a carrot from the earth?**

Families interested in a hands-on lesson about eating locally can find no better venue than the southwestern corner of Colorado known more for its ancestral Puebloan ruins than for its sunflower farms.

Not far from the celebrated Mesa Verde National Park, agricultural tourism is beginning to bloom. Visitors can find a flock of Churro sheep, a species brought back from extinction by local breeders, on alpaca ranches that specialize in these sweet-faced, fiber-bearing creatures.

Or it's possible to saddle up and join a cattle drive, or spend a week living on a farm where guests gather eggs, harvest produce and eat locally raised beef and chicken.

"The first agriculture in Colorado was here," says Lynn Dyer, tourism director for Mesa Verde Country.

**ACTIVITY**

2

- Which of these words is an adjective that means "the science, art and business of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock useful to man; farming"?
  - o venue
  - o agricultural
  - o ancestral
  - o extinction
- Write a complete sentence correctly using each of the words in the preceding answer selection.

**ACTIVITY**

3

Article: **Going to the sun in Montana**, *Sun., Aug. 29, Travel, p. 1T*

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

- We are at the start off a June-July tour of fore national parks that will take us along the Rocky Mountains from glacier to yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, then veer southwest too the Grand Canyon.
- Glaciers' rugged peeks, lush vallys and 200 lakes! only 100 with names, are the product's of glacial movement.



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- On a rainy monday, we let Chelsea do the driving in the vintage Bus, it's name from the days when drivers had to "jam" the gears two get the manual-transmission vehicle over the challenging heights?

# FOR TEACHERS

## Answers & Other Information...

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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:

- Select the main idea expressed in the story.
  - Oil drilling in the frigid waters is delayed by the BP disaster, which worsened fears of Alaskans whose livelihood is the sea.

#### ACTIVITY 2:

- Which of these words is an adjective that means "the science, art and business of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock useful to man; farming"?
  - agricultural

#### ACTIVITY 3:

- We are at the start of a June-July tour of four national parks that will take us along the Rocky Mountains from Glacier to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, then veer southwest to the Grand Canyon.
- Glacier's rugged peaks, lush valleys and 200 lakes, only 100 with names, are the products of glacial movement.
- On a rainy Monday, we let Chelsea do the driving in the vintage bus, its name from the days when drivers had to "jam" the gears to get the manual-transmission vehicle over the challenging heights.

#### 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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