

COLORADO

The Centennial State

KEY FACTS



Capital

Denver



Largest city

Denver



Became a state

August 1, 1876 (38th)



State bird

Lark Bunting



State flower

Rocky Mountain Columbine



State tree

Colorado Blue Spruce



Motto

Nothing without providence

NEBRASKA

UTAH

KANSAS

Rocky Mountain Columbine

This blue and white flower grows in meadows



● Fort Collins

Gold Mining

Gold mining shaped Colorado's early economy



Wheat Farming

Wheat is a major crop grown on the plains



Colorado River

This major river begins in the Colorado Rockies

Peach Orchards

Palisade is famous for growing sweet peaches



● Grand Junction



Red Rocks

A famous open-air theater built into red rocks

★ Denver



Mount Elbert

Mount Elbert is the highest peak in Colorado

● Colorado Springs



Lark Bunting

This prairie bird nests on the ground



Colorado Blue Spruce

This tree has sharp, silvery-blue needles



Stegosaurus

This dinosaur had bony plates on its back

● Pueblo



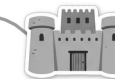
Cattle Ranching

Cattle ranching is a key plains industry



Bighorn Sheep

These wild sheep have large, curling horns



Bent's Old Fort

An important 1830s fur trading post

Mesa Verde

Ancestral Puebloans built these cliff dwellings



● Durango



Great Sand Dunes

These are the tallest sand dunes in North America



Cumbres & Toltec

A historic steam railroad in southern Colorado