

Routes West Map

MATERIALS:

- Copies of the "Routes West Map" handout (suggested to copy to larger version - 121% to a 11"x14" piece of paper works well)
- a crayon or colored pencil for each of the six items highlighted on the legend of the map

Instruct Students:

This map is a reproduction of a map that was printed in 1860, advertising the gold fields of Colorado and the various routes to get there from the east. Freight companies carrying supplies to mining areas in the Rocky Mountains depended on maps like these to find their way.

Have students mark their maps as you discuss the different aspects of the map, and ask the following questions:

- Like Zebulon Pike, the Santa Fe or Arkansas Route follows which river?
- What is the name of the road that follows part of the Platte River into Denver?
- How many mines are shown on this map?
- How many wooded campsites are marked along the Pikes Peak Express Rout from New Bent's Fort to Colorado City?
- How many forts are marked west of the 102° longitude line?
- How many miles and in what direction did Bent move his new fort from his old fort?
- What three routes came to Colorado City from the east?
- Fountain City has a different name today; based on its location, what is the name of that city today? (Pueblo)
- According to this 1860 map, trains came only as far west as what city?
- If you were living in St. Joseph, Missouri and wanted to reach the copper mines in Colorado, how would you get there using this map?
- Where could a prospector get wood and other provisions for his trip to the gold mines as he traveled from Bent's Fort?
- What items do you think a traveler could have brought with him on the trip from the east?



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Some early settlers came west on the wagon and stage routes. This map shows the two most important roads. Use it to discover facts about travel.

