**Early Population Growth Activity: 1870 to 1880**

Open [***Early Population Growth Activity***](http://unco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=63511ebc459d4df3b251f11b7e71b9ee) PE-2. 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** |
| Check OFF all layers then check ON **Current County Boundaries** and **City Pop. 1870 layers**  Check ON the **City Pop. 1880** layer  Turn the **City Pop. 1880** layer OFF and ON several times to get a feel for the changes that occured in this 10-year time span  Notice where the largest yellow circle is located. Zoom into that area until the symbols start to separate out    *Make sure you click precisely in the center of the circle to get the popup box and table.* | **Population from 1870 to 1880**  What was the largest town’s name? (Use the *Identify* tool to find its name if you’re not sure)  What was the population of the largest town in 1870?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people  What was the population of the largest town in 1880?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people  About how many people moved to this town between 1870 and 1880?  ~ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people  In 1880, one other town in Colorado had a population over 10,000 (the largest circle size). What was its name? |
| **Step 2** | **Your Task** |
| Click on the *Measure* tool, then select the distance tool, and measure the distance in miles between the two large settlements by clicking once on each town.  When you are finished measuring, use the *Clear Selection* tool to remove the measurement. | Approximately how far apart were the two largest towns in 1880?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles apart |
| **Step 3** | **Your Task** |
| Find the town that you live in currently. *You may need to zoom out if you are currently zoomed in.* | Did your town have a population in 1880? In 1870? If so, list these below: |
| **Step 4** | **Your Task** |
| Zoom out to the State and check ON the **Regions** layer. | List the regions in which there was a large amount of population growth between 1870 and 1880:  How do the map symbols show you which towns grew in population between 1870 and 1880? |
| **Step 5** | **Your Task** |
| Make sure the **City Pop. 1880** layer is checked ON. Go to your Bookmarks and select the *Southwestern Colorado* bookmark. See the four small towns grouped together in the far southwestern corner of the Mountains region. Click on these towns to get their names. | Write the names of the four small towns in the southwestern corner of the Mountains region:  For what purpose do you think these towns might have been established? |
| **Step 6** | **Your Task** |
| Check ON the **Mineral Belt** layer. | How does the addition of this layer help you understand the population growth in Colorado between 1870 and 1880? |