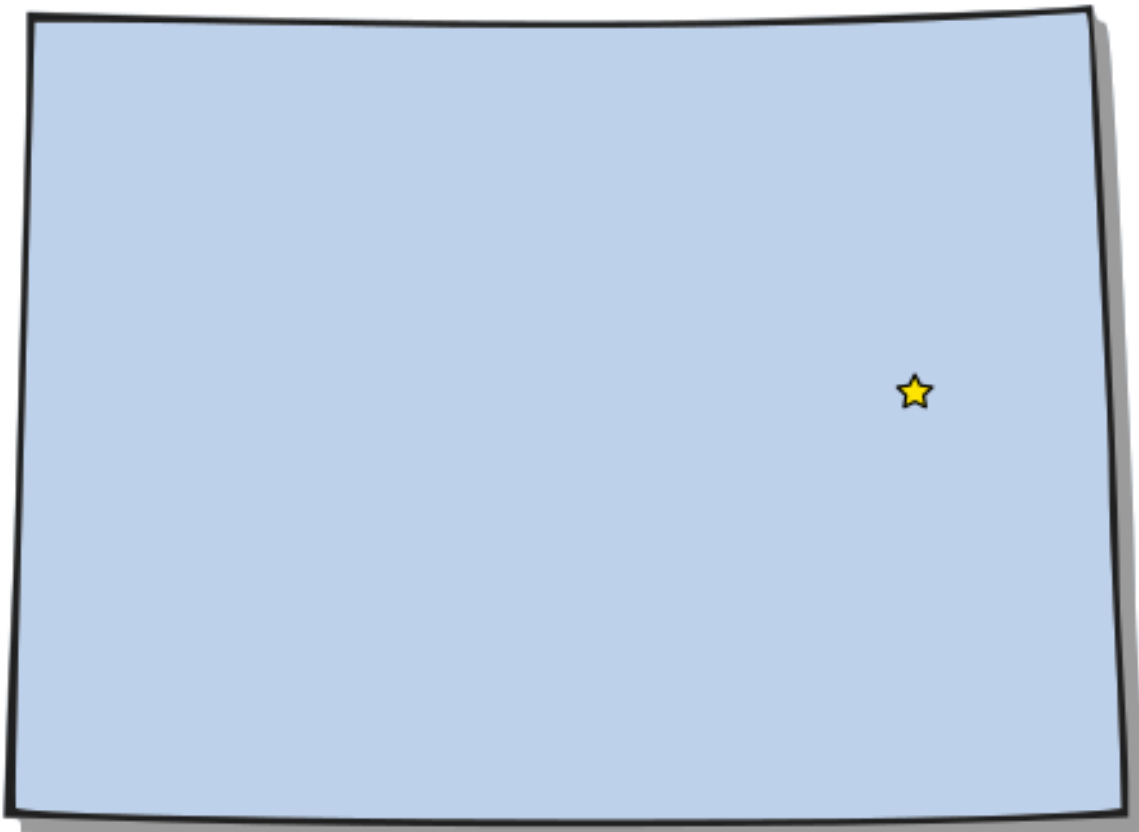


## August 1, 1876 Colorado Becomes a State

Colorado became the thirty-eighth state in the Union during the centennial year of the existence of the United States. Mining of silver, gold, coal, and more has helped to build the state, but mining is no longer the main employer in Colorado. The state has adjusted over the years to changing needs and now has an economy based on many different types of employment. Famous people from Colorado include Florence Sabin, Mikaela Shiffrin, Byron R. White, and Edward Tatum.

Look at the map of Colorado below. Label the capital of Colorado. Locate the cities of Colorado Springs, Boulder, Pueblo, Greeley, La Junta, and Fort Collins and label them on the map. Now label the Rocky Mountains, the San Juan Mountains, the White River Plateau, the Roan Plateau, Cathedral Bluffs, Mt. Elbert, Mt. Evans, and Pikes Peak. Also, locate Blue Mesa Reservoir, McPhee Lake, Lake San Cristobal, Grand Lake, the Platte River, the Colorado River, the Arkansas River, the San Miguel River, and the Rio Grande and label them. Lastly, label the states that border Colorado. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of Colorado history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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