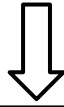


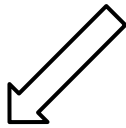
Essential Question

What was life like for the families of Colorado's miners during the Gold Rush?



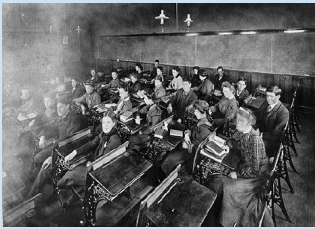
Background Knowledge

Background information on life in Colorado's mining towns
<http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/teachers/essays/miners.htm>



Source 1

A classroom at Leadville High School



Source:
<http://hewit.unco.edu/dohist/mining/family/class/three.htm>

Strategy Instructions:

Images Draw You In
Close Reading of a Photograph

Source 2

Excerpt from : Ivan C. Crawford, "School Days in Leadville,"
"The 1901 graduating class of the Leadville High School counted fifteen girls and four boys; for 1902 the figure was eight girls and six boys; for 1903, fourteen girls and one male. In 1904 more boys were present, the figures being twelve to seven, while in 1905 the girls shot ahead again—sixteen to four....."



Discussion

What were the schools miners' children attended like?
What types of food did the miners and their families eat?
What types of roles did women in the mining towns have?



Assessment

Construct a narrative: Students then write from the point of view of one of the characters in the image, sharing the character's thoughts and feelings, describing the events that led up to the picture, or imagining the events that followed.