

REAL PEOPLE, REAL STORIES: Heritage of the Pikes Peak Region

The one hour classroom program, *Real People, Real Stories* introduces the concepts of why the first residents lived in the Pikes Peak region, who some of the early homesteaders were, and why they came; a map activity; interactive “community building” activity.

KEY MESSAGES OF THE PROGRAM:

- Colorado Springs is an outgrowth of a unique vision by one man, General William Jackson Palmer;
- Throughout its history, the Pikes Peak region inspired creativity among the people who have called the area home;
- Transportation and communication networks are a key element in the sustainability of the region's economy.

Students will learn from real people's stories:

- Who the first inhabitants of this area were and where and how they lived;
- How and why Colorado Springs first became a town;
- Where important geographical landmarks are located on a map;
- What compelled people to come here;
- How the region's history is relevant to us today.

VOCABULARY:

The following vocabulary words may be used in your *Real People, Real Stories* classroom program. It will be beneficial to review these words prior to your program to further enhance the students' experience.

Artifact
Landscape
Sanitorium
Climate
Migrating
Scenery
Creativity
Pikes Peak Region
Semi-arid
Front Range

Railroad
Settlement
Geography
Reservation
Territory
Landmarks
Resident
Tourist
Unique

