

**Self-Guided Learning Packet
Parent/Teacher Guide
GRADES 2-5**



MAIN LEVEL/2nd FLOOR

STORY OF US

The dates can be found in the first sentence or section of the text.

1. **D: Soap Box Derby** – When was the first official Soap Box Derby Race held? **1934**
2. **V: Vallejos Restaurant** – What year did the restaurant open? **1962**
3. **B: Bloomer Girl** – What year did Julia Archibald Holmes travel to Colorado? **1858**
4. **X: X Marks the Spot**- When was Colorado Springs Founded? **1917**

Timeline

Discuss: What is your family's personal timeline (birth dates, special events, etc.)?

1858: **B** 1917: **X** 1934: **D** 1962: **V**

EVIDENCE: GENERAL PALMER

What is your student most drawn to? Have a conversation about the story each source tells us.

Look for the three types of primary sources listed below and draw an example from the exhibit:

Object/Artifact: **Example – Palmer's Civil War Medal of Honor**

Handwritten Document: **Example – Palmer's letter to his wife Queen**

Photograph: **Example – Photo of Palmer's wife and three daughters**

VAN BRIGGLE POTTERY

Discuss: What colors and imagery do you see in the pottery?

The Van Briggle's made...

Clothing: **False**

Pottery: **True**

Paintings: **True**

Tiles: **True**

Quilts: **False**

Whose hands are these? **Artus and Anne Van Briggle's hands**

*****Upper Level/3rd Floor on next page*****

UPPER LEVEL/3rd FLOOR

Helen Hunt Jackson

Welcome to the actual home of famous author and activist, Helen Hunt Jackson! Explore the exhibit. Can you find the name of one of the books she wrote? **Examples: Ramona, Century of Dishonor, Nelly's Silver Mine**

The first three items are inside the house. The basket is outside of the house in one of the exhibit cases.

ANY PLACE THAT IS NORTH AND WEST

Can you find this volume of the magazine A Free Republic? **The magazine is in the far right case**

How much did this magazine cost in 1939? **10 Cents or One Dollar a Year**

People like Gretchen McRae have fought to change the world. What problem would you work to change today? **Have a discussion and encourage your student to write their ideas**

CITY OF SUNSHINE

By looking at different primary sources and the text in the exhibit can you list two reasons why Colorado Springs was a good place to recover from this disease? **Examples: Climate/Weather, Sunshine, High Altitude, Fresh Air, Less People, Sanatoriums (hospitals)**

We now know that Tuberculosis needs oxygen and moisture to thrive and spread. These two things are in short supply at high altitude and in an arid climate.

Find the video at the entrance of the train worker. He says: "The atmosphere is free from all germ life." Do you think this is true or false? **False – there are germs everywhere!**

Why do you think the train worker said this false statement? **Colorado Springs wanted to sell itself as a great location to recover from Tuberculosis – even if it meant exaggerating!**

TIMELINE ACTIVITY

Have your student choose (3) events from their life. They will draw a picture of each event and may need your help writing what the event was.