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**TRIPS**  
-K TO 5TH GRADE-  
EDUCATIONAL ITINERARIES

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**Home on the Range  
Hutchinson Homestead**

**Background:** The original homestead established in 1868 has remained in the family for six generations. Several ranch features, as well as the landscape, are well preserved and offer a glimpse of life on the range 150 years ago..

Many times, homesteaders kept journals or diaries to capture the day, adding sketches as well. Maybe a sudden snowstorm came in, or someone came to visit. Perhaps a new calf was born, or the first sign of spring flower popped out of the ground. Certainly, as we read them now, we can understand daily life and historians classify them as a primary source since they were created at the time when an event was occurring.

**Questions to Ask:**

1. What's the weather like today? Is it cloudy, unusually warm, or cold?
2. What animals are around? Any new babies?
3. What chores would you have been responsible for? Would you have to collect eggs, help plant the fields, fix fences, clean house, cook?

**Activity:** After your visit to the homestead, write or draw a journal entry detailing what a day on the Hutchinson Homestead was like and what activities you participated in. You may want to use today's month and day, while changing the year to the early 1870's.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For further information on the Hutchinson Homestead, [watch this](#) Rocky Mountain PBS Colorado Experience special.