

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

**Extra Credit: Which Do You Prefer
Healy House and Dexter Cabin**

Background:

Healy House Museum and Dexter Cabin are History Colorado museums. Healy House is a 1878 Greek Revival house built by August Meyer for his bride, Emma. Beautiful Victorian furnishings complete this mansion. Beside Healy House is the Dexter Cabin which was James Dexter's home. By the time he got the cabin built, he struck it rich and was one of Colorado's first millionaires. He continued to use the cabin as a hunting lodge.

Activity: Compare the Dexter Cabin and Healy House and possibly to your home by completing the chart below. Notice the different features such as the windows, doors, roof and building materials.

Questions to Ask:

1. For size, how could we measure the house? *In number of steps, using the estimate that 1ft = the length of a grown man's foot,*
2. What are some things you like about each house? *Intricate woodwork on the Healy House, the simplicity of the cabin, furnishings, etc.*

	Healy House	Dexter Cabin	My House
Number of windows			
Number of exterior doors			
Building materials			
Size?			
Interesting features Any special designs outside or inside (woodwork, porch, stained glass?)			
Which would you like to live in (and why)? Put an x			