

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

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### **Who was Edwin Carter?**

#### **Edwin Carter Discovery Museum**

Explore what makes a person great enough to have their actions continue for generations at the Edwin Carter Discovery Center.

#### **Background:**

Edwin Carter traveled to Colorado in search of gold but he gave up mining to become a naturalist. He collected everything including animals, insects and plants. In his cabin, he performed taxidermy on over 3,300 specimens, including those large, such as the bison, and small, the hummingbird. The bulk of his collection is now at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. More information about Edwin Carter can be found here:

<https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/edwin-carter>.

#### **Word Alert:**

- *Taxidermy* - the art of preserving an animal's body by mounting or stuffing it.
- *Naturalist* - a person who becomes an expert in natural history.

**Activity:** As you explore the museum and engage in the interactive exhibits, discuss what Edwin did and why his actions were important. After you finish exploring the museum fill in the blanks in the activity below. While the activity is about Edwin Carter, there are no right or wrong answers. The idea is to connect with Edwin Carter and to identify what he did AND why you think it is valuable. Younger kids might need help writing.

## Edwin Carter

The valuable thing about **Edwin Carter**

is \_\_\_\_\_

He \_\_\_\_\_

He \_\_\_\_\_

And he \_\_\_\_\_

But the most valuable thing about **Edwin Carter**

is \_\_\_\_\_