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-K TO 5TH GRADE-
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Now and Then
Old Town Museum

Background: Visitors will find twenty-one fully restored buildings filled with authentic artifacts on this 6 ½ acre site. The self-guided tour is easy to follow and provides an opportunity to learn about pioneer life on the plains of Colorado.

Word Alert:

Architecture—the design of a building including shape and if it's an office in a building, such as a dentist office it may be part of a medical complex instead of a stand-alone building

Materials—could include wood, stone, brick, paint

Artifact—an object made by a human

Activity: As you explore the buildings of Old Town discuss 1) the different uses of each building, 2) whether or not you have visited a modern version of the building and 3) similarities and differences between the buildings at the museum and modern buildings?

Choose one building/business and compare it to a modern day version of the business. Examples could be a dentist office, school, house, drugstore, saloon/restaurant, bank, barber, etc. Complete the table by identifying similarities and differences between the two.

Category	Old Town Building/business -----	Modern Building/ business -----
Exterior (architecture, materials used)		
Interior (furnishings, decorations, colors, equipment)		

Which do you like better, the old or modern, and why? _____
