

The Irish in Colorado's Mining Towns

Read the article entitled, "The Orange and the Green: The Irish in Colorado's Mining Towns," found here: https://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017/heritage_sum17-web.pdf

Answer the following questions:

What caused mass Irish immigration to the United States in the mid to late 1800s?

What type of work did the earliest Irish migrants in Colorado do?

The Irish were the largest ethnic group in Leadville during the Silver Boom. What influences did they have on that area and town?

How did JK Mullen make his millions?

What influence did he have on the growth of Denver?

Why did the Irish in America think it was important to support the movement toward a self-governing Ireland?

What role did the Irish play in Leadville's labor strikes? What were the miners' demands?

What relationships did Colorado's Irish Americans have with other ethnic groups in both the mining towns and in Denver?

Who made up the Orange Order? What did they support? What were they against?

How did the Irish who moved from the mining towns down to Denver help shape Denver as it grew?