In 1893, Colorado became the first state to grant women suffrage by popular referendum and the second state to do so overall. Women would achieve new frontiers in politics in Colorado, and in 1896, Colorado was named a “banner state” for women’s right to hold office.

The stagecoach, an icon of the American West, revolutionized the frontier of transportation in Colorado, moving miners, tourists, and vacationers around the state prior to the rise of the automobile.

The first of the Homestead Acts, in 1862, brought the first settlers to the frontier of what would become Colorado just three years after it was organized as the Jefferson Territory.

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Long before the first European settlers arrived in Colorado, Pueblo indigenous Americans at Mesa Verde achieved new frontiers in hunting, gathering, subsistence farming, and architecture as early as 750 AD.

Amidst the new frontiers of the Civil Rights Act, the Supreme Court rules segregation unconstitutional in Brown v. Board of Education in 1954. However, Denver schools were not desegregated until 1973, when the Supreme Court mandated integration via busing in Keyes v. School District No. 1, Denver.

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