HGP 471: Senior Seminar – The Borderlands of Southern Colorado
Possible Research Paper Topics

By definition, borderland topics intersect with peoples from different backgrounds. Be mindful to frame your topic at the intersection of empires, states, and nations. Ideally, you’ll want to center your study in the San Luis Valley.

Adobe and traditional building techniques
Agriculture/farming
(Juan Bautista de) Anza Expedition
Apache land use
Barbed wire
Buffalo soldiers
Captivity narratives
Kit Carson
Cattle ranching
Cemeteries
Coal mining in Las Animas County
Colcha
Comanche Empire
Cooking traditions
County boundaries
Coverture
Crime and punishment
Cuerno Verde
Culturally modified trees
Ecological change
Economic relations/trade
Espinosa Brothers
Festivals
Folk dances
French fur trading
Frémont’s 4th Expedition
Guadalupe Parish Church
Gunnison Expedition
Intermarriage
Josefa Jaramillo
Lafayette Head
Land grants
Baca
Conejos (Guadalupe)
Sangre de Cristo
Language usage
Lithophones
Padre Martinez
Mission churches
Mormon settlement
Mustering to support Colorado Volunteers
New Mexico notch
Old Spanish Trail
Ouray
Albert H. Pfeiffer
(Zebulon) Pike Expedition
Plazas
Conejos
De los Manzanares
Guadalupe
San Luis (medio)
Pueblo turquoise extraction
Railroads
Remedios
Rock Art
San Carlos de los Jupes
Santa Fe Trail
Santeros
Settling the Sand Dunes
Sheep herding
Slavery
Spanish fort on San Antonio Mountain
Ceran St. Vrain
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
Trujillo homesteads
Ute relations
Wheeler Expedition
(Diego de) Vargas Expedition
Vaqueros/cowboys
Water management