

Introduction - Overview of the Book: "Bloomers on Pikes Peak" narrates the uplifting tale of Julia Archibald Holmes, emphasizing themes of adventure and resilience.

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### Learning Objectives

- - Explore historical events and figures.
- - Discuss themes of innovation and determination.
- - Enhance comprehension and critical thinking skills.

# Pre-Reading Activities

- Discussion Questions:
  - What do you know about historical adventures?
  - How do you think Julia's story might unfold?
- Vocabulary Building: Introduce terms related to the historical period and setting.

#### Glossary

Abolitionist: A person who wants to stop or end slavery.

Afforded: Allowed or permitted.

Bloomers: Loose-fitting pants worn by some women in the 1850s.

Confined: Restricted or made to stay in a small space.

**Grand Peak:** Later named Pikes Peak, it is the tallest mountain in the southern part of the Rocky Mountains.

**Hoop skirts:** A bell-shaped undergarment worn by women to make their skirts stand out from the body.

Marked out: A phrase used in the 1800s that means setting a goal or making a plan.

**Moccasins:** A type of footwear made of leather and often worn by indigenous people in North America.

**Pan for gold:** Gold is found by looking in streams using a pan. A small amount of dirt from the stream is scooped into a pan and then loosened by water.

**Persevering:** To keep trying, no matter what obstacles one may face.

**Santa Fe Trail:** A popular route for wagons from Franklin, Missouri, to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Societal norms: What people consider proper or acceptable in a certain period.

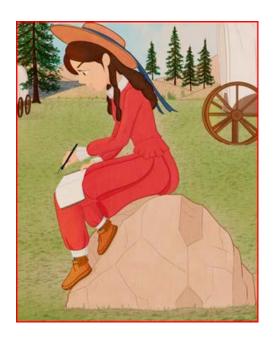
Speak her mind: An old-fashioned term meaning to say what you mean out loud.

Summit: The top of a mountain.

**Sultry:** Weather that is very hot and humid.

**Underground Railroad:** A network of secret routes and houses used by enslaved African Americans to escape into free states and Canada.





# **During Reading Activities**

- Guided Reading Questions: Encourage students to think critically about Julia's journey
- What happened in her earlier life to help her face challenges?

# Character Analysis

• Discuss Julia's character traits and her impact on history.

## Post-Reading Activities

- Creative Writing: Write a letter from Julia's perspective about her experience.
- Art Project: Illustrate a scene from the book or create a map of Julia's journey.

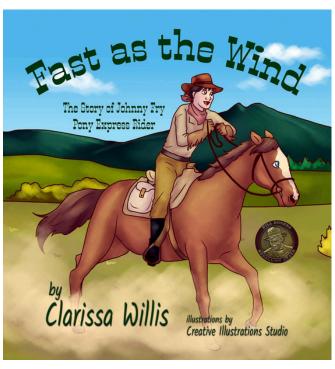
#### **Cross-Curricular Connections**

- History: Research the historical context of Pikes Peak and its exploration.
- Science: Discuss the geographical features of the region.

#### Assessment

- Quizzes: Evaluate comprehension through short quizzes.
- Projects: Group presentations on the historical significance of Julia's achievements.





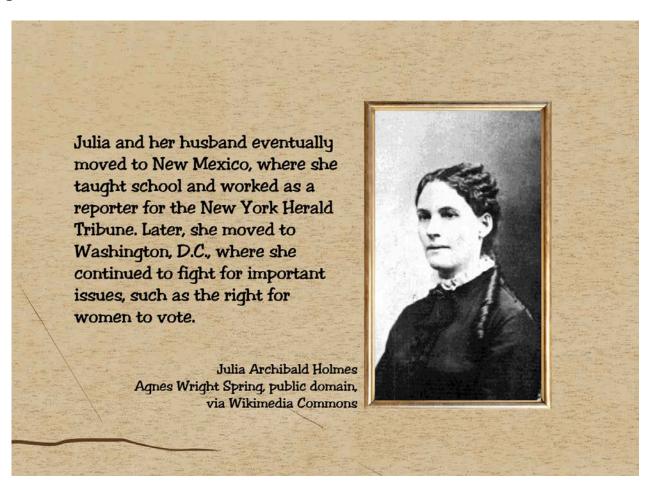
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#### Online Resources

- 1. Pikes Peak History
- Pikes Peak Historical Society: Offers detailed information about the history and exploration of Pikes Peak.
- 2. Women's History
- National Women's History Museum: Explore resources and articles about influential women like Julia Archibald Holmes.
- 3. Geography and Science
- National Geographic Kids: Provides engaging content about mountains and ecosystems.
- 4. Literature and Reading
- ReadWriteThink: Offers classroom resources and lesson plans to enhance reading and writing skills.
- 5. Educational Videos
- PBS LearningMedia: Access educational videos related to historical events and figures.





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