



DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

This is a half-pint glass milk bottle from the Cloverdale Dairy of Colorado Springs, Colorado, *circa* 1914. At the time, milk was delivered in glass bottles at the doorstep of homes, or in the rear of a house where the kitchen was located. Paper stoppers kept the milk from spilling. When the bottle was empty, it was placed in the “milk box” and the deliveryman replaced it with another, which was full. Artifact courtesy of the Colorado Springs Pioneers’ Museum.

SUGGESTED USES

This is an excellent artifact to use to compare daily life among cultures. You might want to use it in the following ways:

1. Compare with the various Pueblo pottery artifacts to discuss how different cultures solve the problems of storage and transportation of goods.
2. Utilize this item in conjunction with the Sinton Milk Bottle and the Fred Harvey Bottle to introduce the changes brought about by the Industrial Revolution.
3. Discuss how “returnable/reusable” glass bottles might have affected the daily lives of women and households after 1900.
4. Question how the use of glass bottles on a large scale might have affected the sanitation laws and rules and why. Why would we need the Pure Food and Drug Act in the early part of the 20th century and not in the early part of the 19th century?