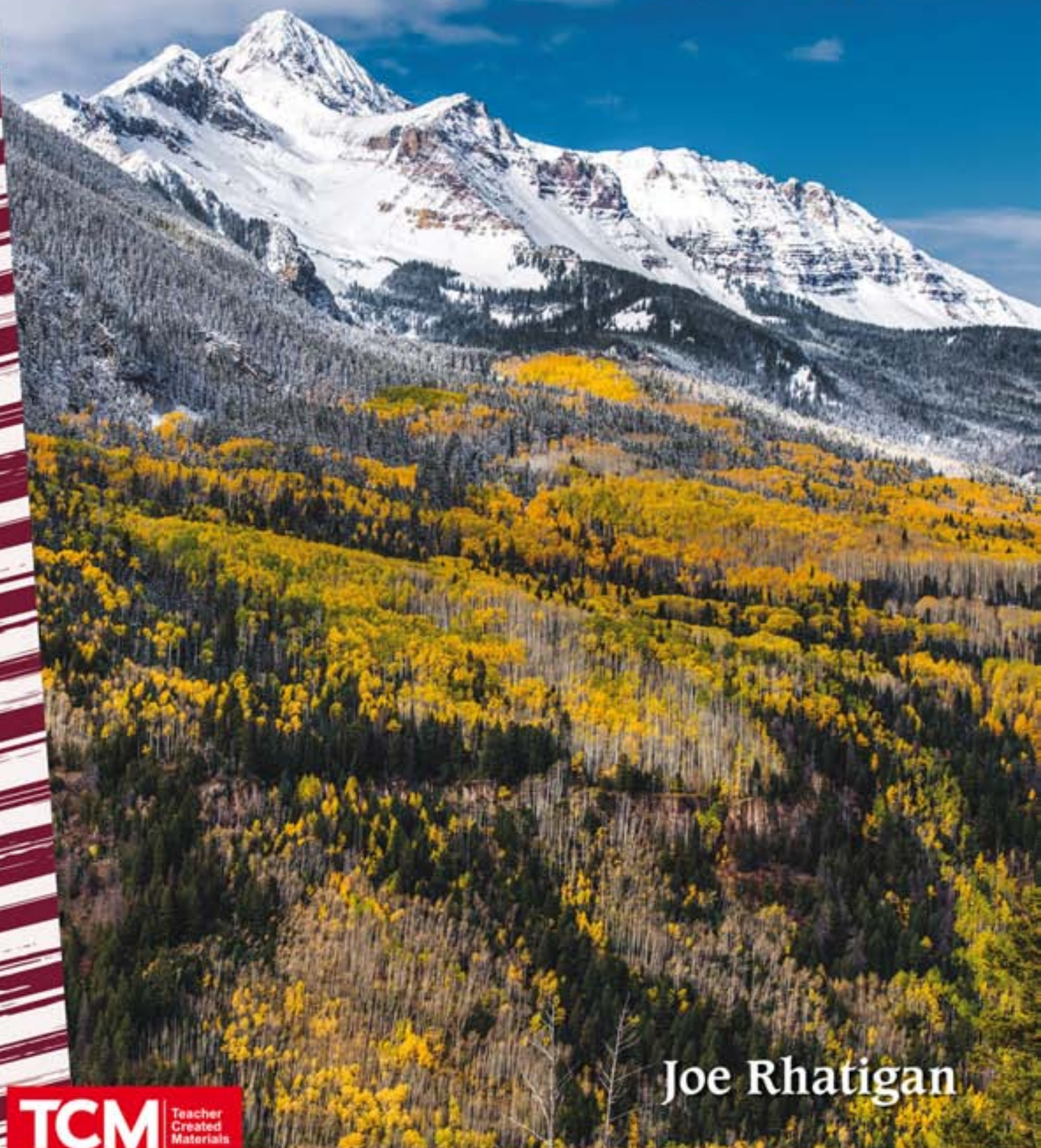


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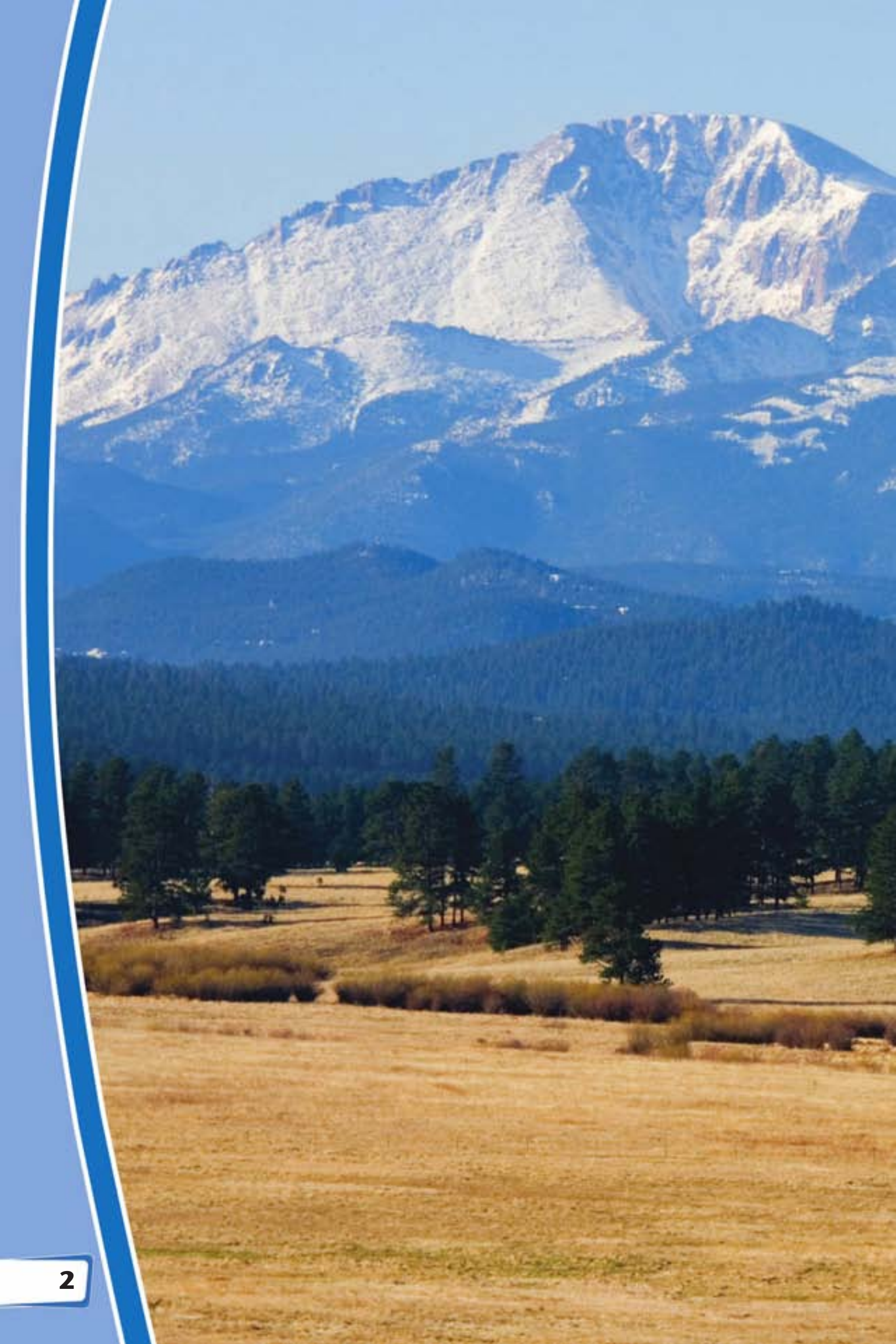
1. Where do you live (plains, mountains, or plateau)? How can you tell?
2. What were early settlers in the Colorado area looking for? Did they find it?
3. Using a map, find the latitude and longitude of your school.
4. Name two different ways geography might affect a community.
5. How does geography affect the way your community lives?



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## Regions of Colorado

Golden **prairies** stretch as far as you can see. Snow-topped mountains touch the sky. Deep **canyons** and towers of colorful stone grow into and from the earth. Can you imagine a place with all these things? It seems like a fantasy. But it exists. It is Colorado.

Colorado is a state in the western part of the United States. It is easy to find on a map. Why? Because it is a simple rectangle. It shares one corner with New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. This is the only place in the country where four states meet in four perfect corners.

Colorado has three unique regions as part of its geography. They are the High Plains, the Rocky Mountains, and the Colorado Plateau.

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