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## Yellowstone National Park

### Take a Stand

Maintaining balance between visitor enjoyment and preserving the ecosystem is a challenge at Yellowstone. The park was set aside for public enjoyment. But it was also supposed to preserve wildlife and wild habitats. Do you think vehicles should be allowed in the park? Or do you think they should be banned? What activities do you think should be allowed or prohibited? What can be done to strike a balance between visitors and preserving the park as a wild space?



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### **Why Do I Care?**

Maybe you do not have a national park near you. But that doesn't mean you can't think about how national parks are important. How do national parks and affect your life and the lives of others? How might life be different if there were no national parks?



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### **Another View**

This book talks about reintroducing wolves into Yellowstone. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about this event. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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### **You Are There**

This book discusses early explorations to the Yellowstone area. Imagine you are traveling with one of the first expeditions. Write a letter home telling your friends what you have found. What do you notice about the landscape? What features do you see? What plants and animals have you discovered? Be sure to add plenty of details to your notes.



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