

World Heritage in the United States Junior Ranger Activity Book

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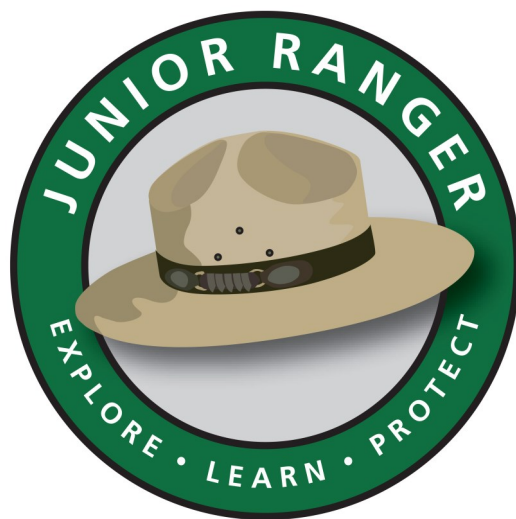
The Rules:

If you are 5 or 6 do three of the activities.

If you are 7 or 8 do five of the activities.

If you are 9 or 10 do seven of the activities.

If you are 11 or older complete the whole book.



What is a World Heritage Site?

A World Heritage Site (WHS) is a landmark or area which is selected by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The World Heritage Site List includes over 1,000 places of such universal value that all of humanity shares an interest in their preservation and are legally protected by international treaties. The United States has 24 World Heritage Sites and 18 of those are units of the National Park Service.

This Junior Ranger booklet highlights some of these important sites both in the United States and around the world.

If you could design a World Heritage Site,
what would it look like?
What criteria would you use?

Criteria for a World Heritage Site

As you work through this book you will learn about a few World Heritage Sites. Each site in this book meets at least 1 of 10 different criteria to be a World Heritage Site. See if you can match each site to its 'Selection Criteria'.

A World Heritage site must be an outstanding example of...

1. human creative genius
2. the developments in architecture or technology
3. a cultural tradition or an old civilization
4. a building or landscape that shows an important part of human history
5. a traditional human settlement that represents a culture or human interaction with the environment
6. event or living tradition
7. a natural phenomena or area of exceptional natural beauty
8. major stages of earth's history
9. significant on-going ecological and biological processes
10. the natural habitat of a threatened species

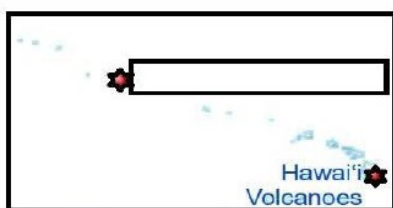
Why do you think so many National Park Service units are World Heritage Sites?

World Heritage Sites in the United States

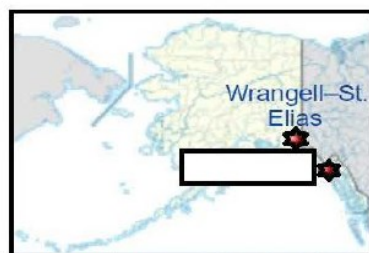


By looking at this map of the United States can you identify some of the missing sites? Write the number of the site next to where you think it is on the map.

1. The Statue of Liberty
2. Yosemite National Park
3. Chaco Culture
4. Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument?
5. Glacier Bay



World Heritage Sites in Hawaii



World Heritage Sites in Alaska



World Heritage Sites in Puerto Rico

Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is a national and international treasure managed by the National Park Service. This World Heritage Site is a shining beacon of liberty to people around the globe. A gift from the people of France, the Statue of Liberty has welcomed millions of immigrants who arrived in the United States by sea.



THE NEW COLOSSUS

"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your , your ;
Your huddled masses to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the tempest-tost to me,
I lift my beside the golden "

tired poor
yearning
homeless
lamp door

There is a poem at the base of the Statue of Liberty called *The New Colossus*. Can you fill in the missing words to complete the poem?

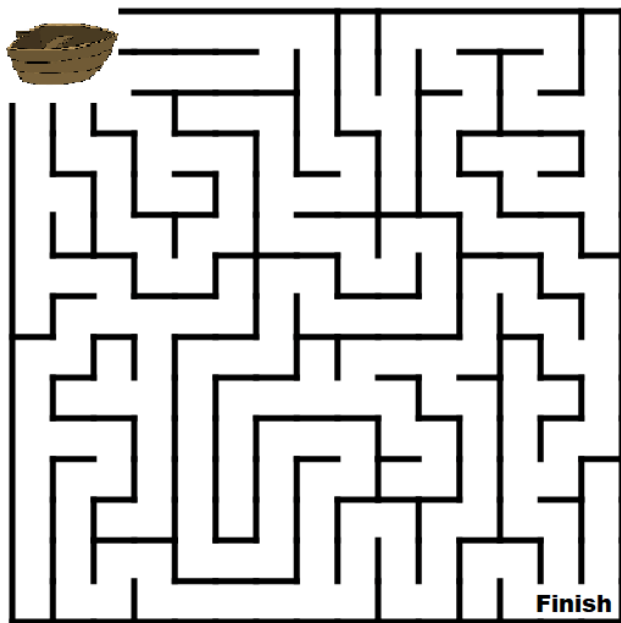


Grand Canyon National Park

At 18 miles wide and one mile deep, the Grand Canyon's gorge is a history book written in rock. Its geologic layers tell a tale that goes back more than 1.8 billion years. The immense and colorful Grand Canyon in Arizona is valued worldwide as one of the Earth's most powerful and inspiring scenic landscapes.

Water is the lifeblood of Grand Canyon. 5-6 million years ago, the Colorado River began to carve its way downward. Further erosion by streams led to the canyon's widening. Today these forces of nature are still at work slowly deepening and widening the Grand Canyon.

Can you navigate the Colorado River? Make your way through the rapids and rocks of the river!



Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Montana and, Idaho was the world's first National Park. It showcases significant geological phenomena. The park has natural beauty and wild ecosystems where rare and endangered species thrive. A volcanic hotspot, the park has many geothermal forces including **Hot Springs**, **Geysers** and, **Mudpots**. Can you name the thermal features below?



Everglades National Park

Everglades National Park in Florida is the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States and has been designated as a Wetland of International Importance and an International Biosphere Reserve, in addition to a World Heritage Site. Everglades National Park hosts over 300 species of birds and is home to 68 threatened and endangered species.



Who Am I?

In the photos below can you identify the **Florida Panther**, **Alligator**, **Manatee** and, **Great Blue Heron**? Place an 'E' next to the picture if you think the animal is threatened.

Making Connections

Both Olympic National Park in the United States and Ngorongoro Conservation Area in Tanzania have sites that fall under Selection Criteria of showing a major stage of earth's history and significant on-going ecological and biological processes.

Olympic National Park



Located in the north-west of Washington State, is known for the diversity of its ecosystems. Glacier-clad mountains and alpine meadows are surrounded by an extensive old growth forest. Eleven major river systems drain the Olympic mountains, offering some of the best habitat for fish species in the country.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area in Tanzania has highland plains, savanna, savanna woodlands and forests. The property has global importance for biodiversity conservation due to the presence of globally threatened species including wildebeest, zebra, gazelles and other animals. Extensive research has also shown evidence of human evolution and early hominid footprints dating back 3.6 million years.



Do you think there are any similarities in these two sites? What are they?

World Heritage Sites Around the Globe



Can you match the site to its description?

1. The Taj Mahal is the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage.



2. Mexico's Chichen-Itza is a sacred site to the ancient Mayans. Their vision of the world and the universe is revealed in their stone monuments and artistic works.



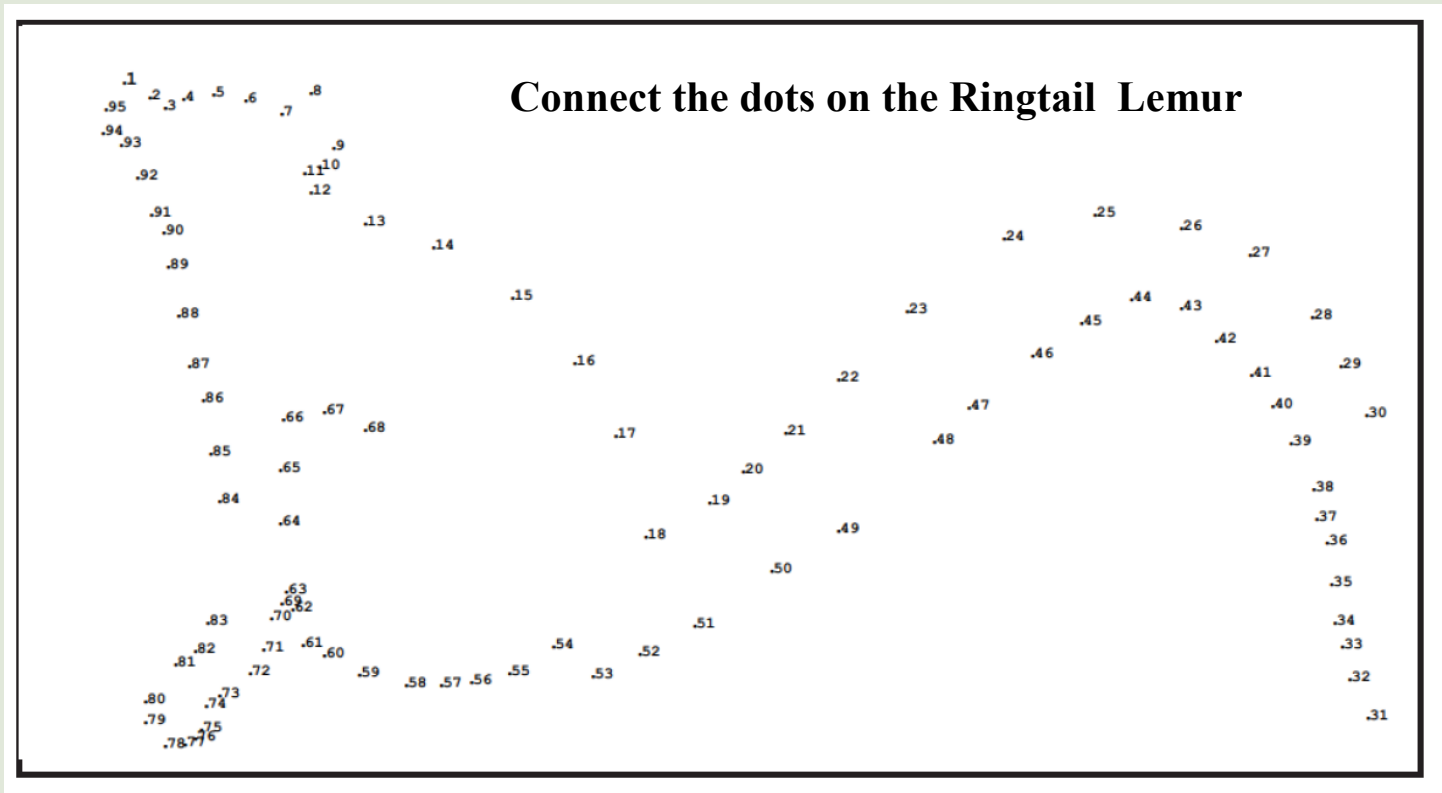
3. New Zealand's Tongariro is important to Maori people for its cultural and spiritual associations as well as its outstanding volcanic features.



4. The Galápagos Islands is a province of Ecuador, it lies about 621 miles off its coast. The island has a diversity of plant and animal species, many found nowhere else. Charles Darwin visited in 1835, and his observation of Galápagos' species later inspired his theory of evolution.

Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve

Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve in Madagascar has ‘tsingy’ peaks and a ‘forest’ of limestone needles, the spectacular canyon of the Manambolo river, rolling hills and high peaks. The undisturbed forests, lakes, and mangrove swamps are the habitat for rare and endangered lemurs and birds.



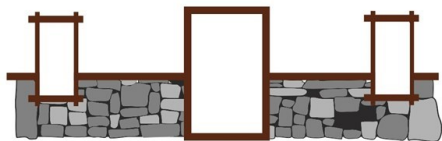
Frank Lloyd Wright

Among the National Heritage Sites in the United States are architectural wonders of Frank Lloyd Wright. Mr. Wright 's buildings are so amazing that 8 of them were important enough to be included in UNESCO's World Heritage List. The 8 sites are titled "The 20th-Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright" and count as a single listing.

The Wright sites that have been added include Unity Temple, the Frederick C. Robie House, Taliesin, Hollyhock House, Fallingwater, the Herbert and Katherine Jacobs House, Taliesin West, and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.

The eight buildings played a prominent role in the development and evolution of Modern architecture during the first half of the 20th century and continuing into the present. Spanning 50 years of Wright's career, the buildings are united by three attributes: spatial manipulation and abstraction, natural forms and principles, and responsive to the evolving American experience.

DESIGN YOUR PARKITECTURE AND SHARE YOUR ART



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World Heritage Sites in the United States

Oh the Places You Can Go...

Alaska

Glacier Bay/Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks and Preserves

Arizona

Grand Canyon National Park

California

Redwood National and State Parks

Yosemite National Park

Colorado

Mesa Verde National Park

Florida

Everglades National Park

Hawaii

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

Idaho, Montana, Wyoming

Yellowstone National Park

Illinois

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

Kentucky

Mammoth Cave National Park

Louisiana

Monumental Earthworks of Poverty Point

Montana

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park

New Mexico

Carlsbad Caverns National Park

Chaco Culture

Taos Pueblo

New York

Statue of Liberty National Monument

North Carolina

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Pennsylvania

Independence Hall

Puerto Rico

San Juan National Historic Site

Tennessee

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Texas

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

Virginia

Monticello and the University of Virginia

Washington

Olympic National Park



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

HAS COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A
JUNIOR RANGER

AS A JUNIOR RANGER, I PLEDGE TO EXPLORE THE
WONDERS OF THE NATIONAL PARKS, LEARN ABOUT THE
WORLD AROUND ME, AND PROTECT THE NATURAL AND
CULTURAL RESOURCES OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM
FOR THE ENJOYMENT AND INSPIRATION OF THIS AND
FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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