

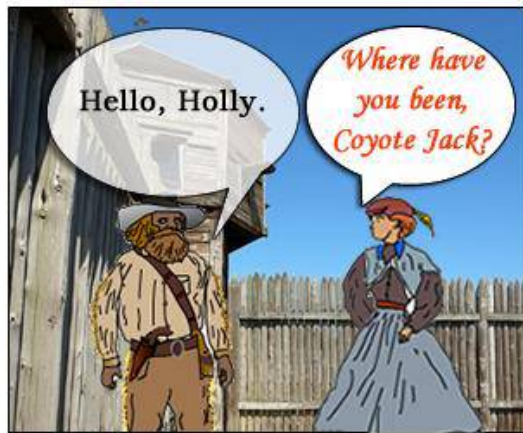
Read over this Introduction to World Heritage to find the answers for the first three questions found on your answer sheet.

**THE CREATION OF THE  
WORLD HERITAGE PROGRAM  
With COYOTE JACK, HOLLY HILLS  
& FRIENDS**



Follow Coyote Jack and his friends as you learn about the World Heritage in the United States Program.

Coyote Jack has returned to town and has just met his old friend, Holly Hills.



Well, I've been living in the land they call the Yellowstone. It's a mite pretty place. I've seen some things that are hard to believe.





Well, what  
did you see in  
this place  
they call the  
Yellowstone?



Well now, I've seen...

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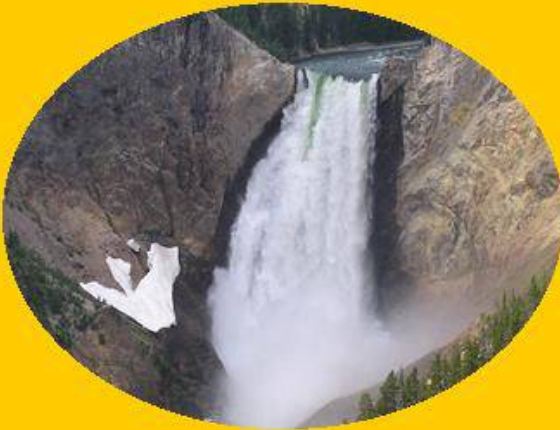


**Canyons so deep, you can't  
even see the bottom.**

**Geysers that shoot  
up so high in the air,  
they can block out  
the sun!**



**Waterfalls that are so  
big, they never run dry.**



**And these big hairy  
animals they call  
Buffalo.**







**Wow, Yellowstone sounds like an interesting place. I might have to go out there and claim a bit of that paradise.**

**I hope not, Holly. It would be a shame if a bunch of ...**



**Homesteaders...**

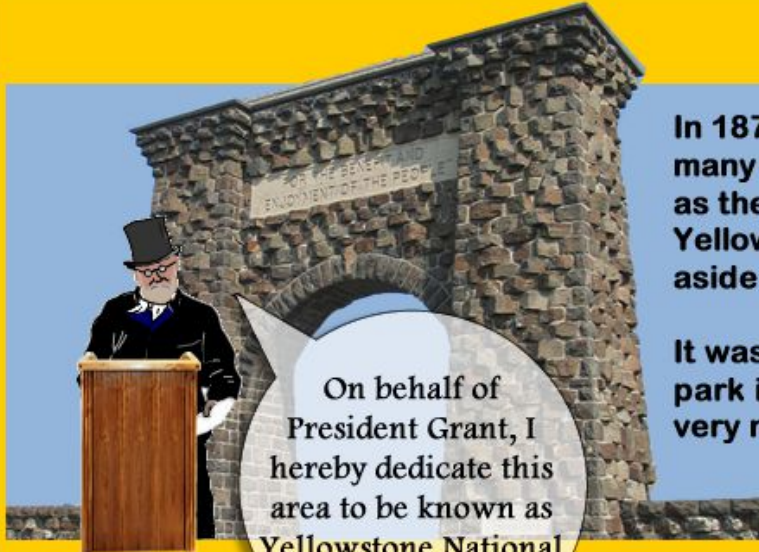


**Ranchers...**



**or Timber Barons were able to divide up the lands of Yellowstone.**

**It should be set aside for everyone to enjoy.**



On behalf of  
President Grant, I  
hereby dedicate this  
area to be known as  
Yellowstone National  
Park.

In 1872, Coyote Jack and  
many others got their wish  
as the lands of  
Yellowstone were set  
aside as a National Park.

It was the first national  
park in the world and a  
very new idea at the time.

**Now we jump to the year 1965**

1872

1965

The U.S. government suggested that a  
“World Heritage Trust” be created. Its goal  
would be to protect ‘the world’s superb natural  
and scenic areas and historic sites for...the  
entire world citizenry.

From this initial idea, the World Heritage  
Convention was formally established in 1972.



Countries that are part of the World  
Heritage Convention nominate their  
most important natural or cultural  
areas to become  
World Heritage Sites.



Nominations are presented to a World Heritage Committee. If they decide a site is globally significant enough, then it is added to the World Heritage List.



### SOME EXAMPLES OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES INCLUDE:



#### MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

It became a World  
Heritage Site in  
1978.

#### YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Yosemite National Park became  
a World Heritage Site in 1984.



#### PRIMEVAL BEECH FORESTS, SLOVAKIA

This European World Heritage  
Site was inscribed in 2007.





Since the creation of the World Heritage Program, there are  
now over 900 World Heritage Sites.

Look below to see what Ranger Steve has to say and then you'll be finished with the Introduction Section.

I'm Ranger Steve and I congratulate you on your desire to become a World Heritage in the United States Junior Ranger.

As you've learned from Coyote Jack, Holly and the others, some places are so important that they need to be protected.



Those areas that are globally significant enough are called World Heritage Sites.

Follow our mascot, Wally the

World Heritage Wolf, as you begin your World Heritage adventure and earn your Junior Ranger badge and certificate.



**Good Luck!**

Close down this PDF file and return to the Jr. Ranger Headquarters to start the activities.