

Annotated Bibliography

Primary Sources

An Act to Establish a National Park Service, August 25, 1916, known as the "Organic Act." Photograph. Accessed February 21, 2025.

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2016/fall/nps-100.html>.

This picture, found in the National Archives website, depicts the opening page to the Organic Act of 1916. It includes the title of the document, and the first session Congress held around the topic one year prior. This information helped me understand how long the government discussed the creation of a unifying park system, and was used as a visual indicator on my website.

Bender, Albert M. *A Young Man's Opportunity for Work, Play, Study & Health*. 1941. Illustration. Ppmsca 12896 //hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.12896. Work Projects Administration Poster Collection. Library of Congress.

This cartoon, picturing a young man with an axe working for the Civilian Conservation Corps, was found on the Library of Congress gallery, and used as a visual on my website. It helped me understand how the American Government utilized the media to promote their programs during the Great Depression, and how the societal view of conservation began to shift in a positive direction.

Blackfeet in the Two Medicine Area. 1914. Photograph. Accessed February 26, 2025.

<https://www.nps.gov/glac/learn/historyculture/tribes.htm>.

This photograph is of members of Blackfeet Native Tribe around 1914, mounted on horses at a river in Montana. I used this picture, which was found on the NPS website, to show the presence and variety of Indigenous groups in the soon-to-be national parks, and to highlight the injustice which occurred when they were forcefully removed from their ancestral lands.

Harris, George W., and Martha Ewing. *Stephen Mather*. 1910-1920. Photograph.

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2016855394/>.

This picture of Stephen Mather standing next to an image of a mountain, was taken between 1910 and 1920, and is held in the Harris and Ewing Collection of the Library of Congress archive. I used this source to show a depiction of the first head of the NPS, and his commitment to preservation of America's natural beauty.

NPS Emblem 1949. May 13, 2022. Image. Accessed February 26, 2025.

<https://www.nps.gov/wrst/learn/historyculture/history-of-the-nps-arrowhead.htm>.

This source is an older emblem of the National Park Service, which is a pinecone and the name of the institution circling it. I found this image on the NPS website, and it showed me the development of the national parks logo into what it is today.

The Organic Act of 1916, H.R. 15522, 64th Cong., 1st Sess. (Aug. 25, 1916).

This bill was found on the National Archives website, and is the full version of the Organic Act of 1916. I used this source to learn about the how the National Park Service would be managed, and its goals to preserve and protect America's natural, historical, and cultural heritage.

Pughe, John S. "Save Niagara Falls." Cartoon. Library of Congress. Last modified April 18, 1906. Accessed February 17, 2025. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2011645834/>.

This political cartoon, found in the Library of Congress website, depicts the destruction and draining of the Niagara Falls so that American's could industrialize the areas. This source gave me insight into the environment at natural wonders like the falls, and the growing conservation movement in politics in the late 1800's.

Unemployment Relief Act of 1933, S. 598, 73d Cong., 1st Sess. (Mar. 31, 1933).

This bill created the Civilian Conservation Corps in response to the mass unemployment in America due to the Great Depression. Found in the National Archives, this source was significant to the development of the national parks at the time, and to the change in opinion of the service by the greater public.

Watkins, Carleton E. *Down the Valley, El Capitan and Cathedral Rocks*. 1866. Photograph. 18490513. Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, Washington D.C.

This photograph, found in the Cooper Hewitt collection on the Smithsonian Design Museum website, depicts two famous structures in Yosemite National Park. I was able to learn more about Carleton Watkins' work and how he fought for conservation through it by analyzing this gallery.

Wolfe, Linnie Marsh. *Son of the Wilderness: The Life of John Muir*. New York City, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1945.

In this novel, author Linnie Marsh Wolfe analyzes the life and work of John Muir. The direct quotes from him inside the book helped me understand his point of view on the destruction of nature in the 1890's, and how he exhorted Americans to support preservationist legislation.

Wright, George Melendez, Joseph Scattergood Dixon, and Benjamin Hunter Thompson. *Fauna of the National Parks of the United States : a Preliminary Survey of Faunal Relations in National Parks*. Fauna of the National Parks of the United States 1. Washington D.C., US, 1933.

This book details the diversity of wildlife in the national parks, and argues why they are so important to protect. This novel helped me understand ecosystems in parks, and it's quotes explained why the heritage of America must be protected through them.

Secondary Sources

Bagral. *Aged fantasy vintage seamless map with mountains, buildings, trees, hills, river. Hand drawn fairytale historic treasure map. Seamless background.*. Illustration.

This illustration was found on Dreamstime, and was used as the background in my website. I enjoyed the natural aspect of the drawing, and wanted to incorporate it into my project for more detail.

A Collage of 12 Different National Parks. December 3, 2020. Image. Accessed February 26, 2025. https://onechelofanadventure.com/12-most-beautiful-national-parks-in-the-usa/#google_vignette.

This collection of pictures was found on a blog post on the One Chel of an Adventure website. I used it to show twelve of the most famous national parks, indicating the impact of the Organic Act of 1916.

Dilsaver, Lary M., ed. *America's National Parks System: The Critical Documents*. 2nd ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016.

This book provided a history of the beginning of the National Park Service, explaining the story and listing important documents for each era of history for which it operated. I used this source for most of my baseline information and I took note of the critical primary documents for each chapter so that I could remember to research them later.

HerZii Prints. *Herzii Prints All 63 USA National Park Posters Wall Collage Kit - Vintage Travel Posters, Nature Dorm Posters, Wall Art Decor Poster, Classroom City Mountain Travel Theme Decor, 4x6" UNFRAMED (4X6)*. September 8, 2023. Image.

I found this collage of illustrations on Amazon.com, and used it for my home page. It depicts all sixty-three national parks in the United States, and it was helpful to have a visual of famous parks today which are only present because of the Organic Act.

Robbins Report. "06 Purposes of the National Parks and Responsibilities of the National Park Service." Crater Lake Institute. Last modified August 1, 1963. Accessed February 1, 2025. <https://www.craterlakeinstitute.com/research-at-crater-lake/general-research-articles/robbins-report/1-06-8/>.

This web page, found on Crater Lake Institute, is part of a larger report on the national parks, and explains the importance of the government's responsibility in the institution. I used this source to better understand views that saw conservation as a government responsibility, as well as contrasting opinions over whether the parks should be tourism or protection based.

U.S. Dept. of the Interior. "Chapter 1: The Foundation." NPS. Last modified January 3, 2024. Accessed January 27, 2025. <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/policy/mp-1-foundation.htm>.

Found on the NPS website, this source is a brief history of the National Park Service and includes the methods of management and mission of the system. I used this source to understand the modern interpretation of the Organic Act, and to better understand what the National Park Service does to preserve and protect natural America.

———. "Creation of the National Park Service." NPS. Last modified March 10, 2016. Accessed February 4, 2025. <https://www.nps.gov/articles/npshistory-creation.htm>.

This source is a very brief story of the creation of the National Park Service on the NPS website. I used this source to first learn about Stephen Mather, how he went about fighting for nature in Congress, and how he managed the parks when he was first appointed the head of the system.

———. "Horace M. Albright." NPS. Last modified June 4, 2020. Accessed February 4, 2025. <https://www.nps.gov/people/horace-m-albright.htm>.

I used this web page, found on the NPS website, to learn more about the impact of Horace Albright on the creation of the national parks. I learned about where he worked in and out of the government, and the parks he created as the second head of the National Park Service.

———. "NPGallery Search." NPS. Accessed March 1, 2025. <https://npgallery.nps.gov/>.

This photo gallery, found on the NPS website, holds a plethora of pictures about the history and natural beauty of the national parks. I used multiple pictures from this gallery, including the emblem at the top of my website, to decorate my project and give visuals to the audience as I explain my argument.

———. "Stephen Tyng Mather." NPS. Last modified August 2, 2024. Accessed February 4, 2025. <https://www.nps.gov/people/stephen-tyng-mather.htm>.

I used this web page on the NPS website for a detailed depiction of Stephen Mather's life and action in the national parks. It helped me understand why he was so passionate about conservationism, and how he immediately vouched for places like the Indiana Dunes once becoming director of the National Park Service.

———. "Who Was John Muir?" NPS. Last modified December 19, 2024. Accessed February 5, 2025. <https://www.nps.gov/jomu/learn/historyculture/who-was-john-muir.htm>.

This source, found on the NPS website, depicts the life and works of John Muir. I used this source to find the origins of his progressive ideals and why his work was so influential in the institution of the National Park Service.