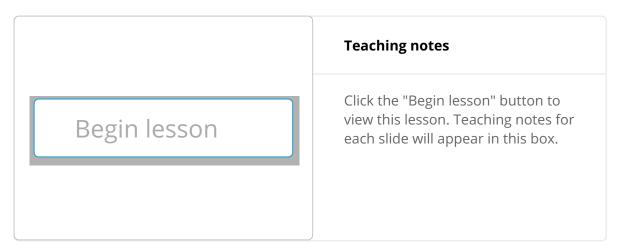
# Day 5: "The History of Yellowstone National Park"

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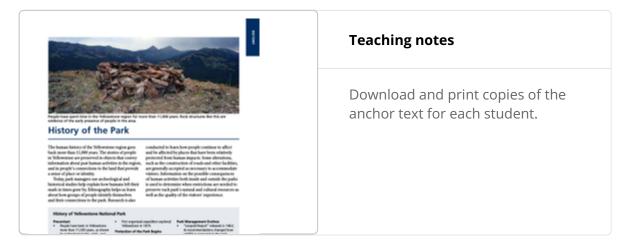
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record responses to the focus question.

• Following class, collect student notes to use as a formative assessment.

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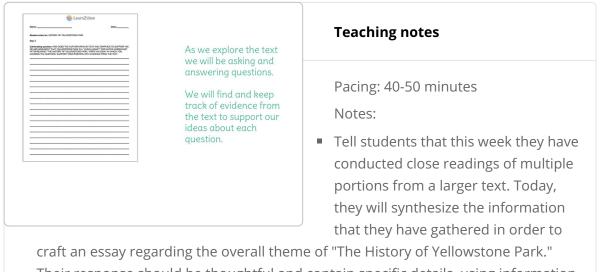
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craft an essay regarding the overall theme of "The History of Yellowstone Park." Their response should be thoughtful and contain specific details, using information from their previous focus questions and supporting questions.

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## **Exploring the Text**

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# **Focus Question**

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How does the author draw on text and graphics to support his argument that Yellowstone Park is a "living legacy" for Native Americans? After reading "The History of Yellowstone Park," write an essay in which you address the question and evaluate the effectiveness of the author's argument. Support your position with evidence from the text.

#### **Teaching notes**

Pacing: 45-50 minutes

Standard: RI.9-10.2

**Purpose:** Students will use specific evidence from the text, including visual elements of the text, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the author's argument.

### Answer:

In the article "The History of Yellowstone Park," the author effectively uses a combination of graphics, visual aids, and description-rich text in order to successfully argue the significance of the park in terms of its value as a monument--a "living legacy"-- to the Native American people. The park has served as a particular area of reverence and utility among earliest inhabitants, and continues to be a source of intrigue today. The use of specific details regarding the park's history and present importance effectively supports the author's claim that the park is a priceless piece of American history.

The text begins by describing Yellowstone's earliest inhabitants, who took advantage of the land's ability to sustain "bison, sheep, elk, deer, bear, cats, and wolves" as well as its utility regarding early campsites and trails created by natives and "used by people since the Paleoindian period" (14). According to the graphic on page 15, about 3,000 years ago, Yellowstone Park became more valuable as "the primary source of obsidian in a large concentration of Midwestern sites," making it a valuable location for hunter-gatherers of the Archaic Period. During the 1600s, Yellowstone park became valuable to the indigenous Native American tribes because it offered several natural resources, including not only obsidian but also a place to hunt game and gather plants, and resources for building shelters, such as wickiups (16).

Yellowstone Park has also had a major impact on the Native American community as the home of Obsidian Cliff, where early inhabitants used the local obsidian to create hunting and gathering instruments, and also to decorate the native buffalo during spiritual rituals, as described in the inset text on page 15. Many Native American tribes gathered at Obsidian Cliff due to the abundant source of obsidian, and its easily accessible location, making it a social hub for many Native Americans. Because this location played such a central role in the socialization and survival of many Native Americans, the location likely houses many undiscovered artifacts of both scientific and sentimental value to people today.

In terms of value to a specific Native American tribe, the park plays a central role in the last stand of the Nez Perce against the American Army, which drove them across the country and into exile. During this time, many Nez Perce suffered and died; Yellowstone Park serves as the "last stand" of these Native Americans before their official surrender. After some success holding off the Army, Chief Joseph, leader of the Nez Perce, made the decision to "fight no more forever" in order to save the lives of those left standing. Because many Native Americans lost their lives at this particular location, and because it was one of the final locations where the Nez Perce were able to stand proudly against their pursuers, it holds spiritual significance as a "sacred place" among this tribe; it is the final resting place of their ancestors, where many fought bravely before losing their lives, making this location decidedly deserving of reverence.

Due to the park's integral role in the history of many Native American tribes, it is one of the richest sources of knowledge that is relatively untouched. Because Yellowstone has been established as a national park, it is protected from private ownership and from human activities which might disturb the physical, social, or spiritual sanctity of the land. Many years ago, the park was revered as life-sustaining in that the land provided the basic necessities of life to the Native Americans. Today, that piety continues due its preservation of history, which can be appreciated by scientists, Native American descendants, and those with an appreciation for the legacy of America's national parks.

### Look for students....

- Addressing the concept of Yellowstone Park as a "living legacy"
- Mentioning the ways in which Yellowstone Park has provided physical, social, and spiritual necessities for Native Americans
- Discussing the importance of Yellowstone Park today, to both Native Americans and scientists

### Guiding questions and prompts:

- Ask, "How has the park provided for Native Americans in the past?"
- Ask, "Why is the park still important to people today?"

### **Additional Notes:**

- Ensure that students understand the concept of a legacy.
- The teacher may choose to conduct a class discussion about types of legacies, including people and places that are legacies in students' own communities, or other legacies from American history.

### After the Lesson

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# **Comprehension Skill Video**

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