



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Our National Park Service

- **What are some reasons why it is important to highlight the benefits and role of our National Park Service?**
 - ⇒ Consider that “National Parks” covers unique land and natural features, and also expands to historical sites and other areas of cultural importance
 - ⇒ Consider the individual benefits of national parks — gaining an appreciation for nature, getting exercise, learning new things, having fun
 - ⇒ Consider the societal benefits of national parks — preserving history, honoring important people and events, promoting unique land and forests, protecting the environment

- **What are some ways that the school could highlight the role of our National Park Service?**
 - ⇒ Consider having a themed assembly for the entire school, which may include classroom skits, guest speakers, or other student performances
 - ⇒ Consider how students can focus on specific areas of the National Park System, such as by making timelines or bulletin boards
 - ⇒ Consider having a school-wide contest, such as a costume contest, essay contest, or classroom “door-decorating” contest

- **What factors should be considered when choosing and designing activities to highlight the National Park Service?**
 - ⇒ Consider limitations that will help you decide on the best method to create activities — cost, time, intended audience, complexity of the central message, etc.
 - ⇒ Consider how everything about the activities should be focused on the specific message of honoring our National Park System
 - ⇒ Consider logistical issues— will the activities all be in a central location? Or spread throughout the campus?