



# Opportunity Education

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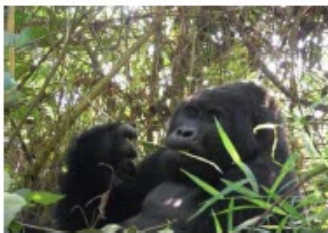
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The United States celebrated the 100th Anniversary of their National Parks in 2016. National Parks around the world provide a refuge for wildlife and a sanctuary for nature, which is enjoyed by the people who visit the parks each year and preserved for future generations. Here are a few of the National Parks in the United States.



National Parks are very important to the people in India and Africa as well. In addition to protecting nature and wildlife, they also provide income through tourism, which improves their country's economy.







**From Yellowstone in the U.S. to the Serengeti in Tanzania, National Parks are phenomenal places to visit all over the world. What you would see in a park near an OE school in Africa or India, will be vastly different from what you would see at a National Park near a Sister School in America. Take your pen pal on a virtual field trip to a National Park near where you live or one you have visited. This can be done in a variety of ways at each grade level.**

**All grade levels:** Visit a National Park near where you live. Make a list and drawings of the animals you saw and describe other sites and experiences you had in the park. Write to your pen pal inviting them to visit your National Park someday.

**Depending on your resources, the following ideas might work for you.**

**K-1:** Draw pictures of what you would see at a park near you. (If students haven't had the opportunity to visit a National Park, use online resource or books to share and discuss with students what they might like to see themselves.)

**2-4:** Write and illustrate a narrative story about a National Park visit and share the story with your pen pal.

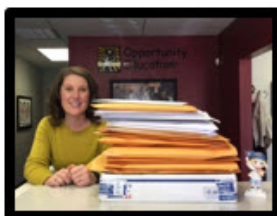
**5-8:** Make a map showing where a National Park near you is located. Make sure to draw physical features on the map that identify lakes, mountains, forests, or other features that make this park special. Google Earth and National Park websites will be good resources for this project.

Use online resources to research information about a National Park you would like to visit. When was it established? What would you see and experience, and what activities can you do while you are there?

Make a brochure with images from online resources of what can be seen at a National Park near you or one you have visited. Along with the images, write a description telling where the park is.

Write a persuasive story about a National Park you think your pen pal should visit.

Do research on a National Park in the country where your pen pal lives. Write and illustrate a report or make a travel poster encouraging people to visit the park.



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