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***Unit1 Lesson1-Our Government Day***

***Quiz***

Yellowstone

A national park is a special area set aside by a nation. Once a national park is created, the plants and animals there are protected. The area cannot be developed and remains natural. People who visit a national park can take a journey through nature.

The world's first national park was created in the United States in 1872. That year, President Ulysses S. Grant signed a law creating Yellowstone National Park.

How did this come about? During the 1800s, trappers and hunters returned to the East with tales of the wondrous sights of the West. They told stories of pools of hot water and a hill made of black glass. They also told of towers of water that burst from the ground.

Some people did not believe these strange tales, so, in 1870, a group of men set out to see if the stories were true. They were amazed by the land's beauty and decided to try to protect this special location so everyone could enjoy it. The men wrote newspaper stories. They gave speeches and met with government officials. Yellowstone National Park was created thanks to their hard work.

The park got its name from the yellow rocks found in one river that runs through it. Most of the park is in the northwest corner of Wyoming, but parts of the park are located in Montana and Idaho, as well.

Yellowstone is a very popular park. It is famous for its geysers. These hot-water springs erupt, throwing boiling water and steam into the air. The park's most famous geyser is called Old Faithful. It erupts about every 40 to 70 minutes. Yellowstone also is known as a wildlife reserve. Most of its animals have wandered and roamed the park for many years. There are black bears, grizzly bears, elk, and deer.

Moose, bison, bighorn sheep, mountain lions, and wolves live there, too. Many varieties of fish can be found in the park's rivers and streams. In addition, more than 275 kinds of birds can be seen in the park.

If we want to be able to enjoy our national parks for a long time, we have to do what we can to keep them beautiful and wild. We must preserve the balance of nature. Park visitors can help by making sure they do not hurt or disturb animals or plants. Also, people should not leave trash in the parks. If all visitors do their part, people will be able to enjoy Yellowstone and other parks like it for a long time to come.

What is the author's point of view about Yellowstone? Pick **two** choices.

****A. Visitors to the park should be respectful.

B. There are not enough places to stop in the park.

C. There are too many different animals at the park.

****D.Too many people come to visit the park every year.

****E.Yellowstone is the most beautiful park in the country.

****F. The park should be preserved for many years to come.

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**

Why did people decide to protect Yellowstone?

****A. Yellowstone was a national park.

****B.It was a good place to hunt and fish.

****C.There was a hill made of black glass.

****D.They wanted everyone to be able to enjoy it.

**Part B**

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports your answer in Part A?

****A."During the 1800s, trappers and hunters returned to the East with tales of the wondrous sights of the West."

****B."They told stories of pools of hot water and a hill made of black glass."

****C."Some people did not believe these strange tales, so, in 1870, a group of men set out to see if the stories were true."

****D. "They were amazed by the land's beauty and decided to try to protect this special location so everyone could enjoy it."

Match each effect with its cause.

* + **Plants and animals are protected.**
  + **Yellowstone is known as a wildlife reserve.**
  + **The park is named Yellowstone.**

Yellowstone is known as a wildlife reserve.

* **Yellowstone becomes a national park.**

* **Yellow rocks are found in one river in the park.**

* **Animals have roamed the park for many years.**

Match each word with the vowel team it contains.

* + **Boiler**
  + **tied**
  + **paint**
  + **eaten**

eaten

* **oi**

* **ai**

* **ie**

* **ea**
* Choose the correctly spelled word from each drop-down menu to complete the sentences.
* They sat on the couch and         how to solve the problem.
* My father         each pancake so that they wouldn't burn.
* Have you ever         food from China?