

Always Dream

Fill in the circle to complete the sentence. Then answer questions 3 and 4.

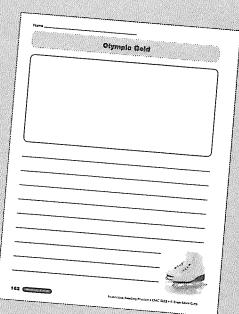
1. In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi won _____.
Ⓐ a new pair of figure skates
Ⓑ a children's book
Ⓒ an Olympic gold medal
2. The Always Dream Foundation _____.
Ⓐ helps children read books
Ⓑ makes figure skates
Ⓒ gives gold medals
3. Give two examples to show that skating lessons helped Kristi Yamaguchi.

4. How do you know books are important to Kristi Yamaguchi?

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to draw and write about what you read.

Draw a gold medal for Kristi Yamaguchi.
Write about why she has earned it.



Ansel Adams

Level 1 ■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Name _____
Photographing Nature
Fill in the circle to complete...

Photographing Nature
People make art for many different reasons. Artists can show how they feel about things through their art. Photography is one kind of art. Ansel Adams was a famous American photographer. Adams made art of the beauty of nature. He wanted to share that beauty with others.
In the 1940s, Adams was hired by the United States government. People wanted him to take photographs of national parks. Adams took many photographs of the parks. Adams felt strongly that nature of nature should be kept safe. He took pictures of mountains and trees. He took pictures of rocks and rivers. His pictures showed their beauty. Adams worked for the government. He wanted them to make more national parks. Today, these areas are kept safe. People can still see these places and enjoy their beauty.

Ansel Adams took this photograph of the Sierras Chinas in California. While working for the government, he took many photographs of national parks.
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Words to Know
Photographing Nature
artists
photography
Ansel Adams
photographer
beauty
nature
government
national parks
areas

Level 2 ■■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Name _____
Mesa Verde Photographs
Fill in the circle to complete...

Mesa Verde Photographs
Ansel Adams was a famous American photographer. He was born in 1902 and grew up in California. In 1916, Adams was 14 years old. His family went to the White National Park. Adams was amazed at the beauty of Yosemite. He wanted to show others how beautiful it was. Adams's father gave him a camera. Ansel Adams took pictures of the park with his camera. After visiting Yosemite, he began to take many more pictures of things in nature.
One place where Adams took photographs was Mesa Verde National Park. This park is in Colorado. It is filled with ancient homes and other stone buildings. They were made more than 1,000 years ago. They are high up on the sides of large rocks. Some of the homes were built under cliffs. These types of buildings are called cliff dwellings. There are more than 600 cliff dwellings in the park. Adams took pictures of them in 1941. He wanted to share the beauty of Mesa Verde with everyone.

Ansel Adams took this photograph of ancient cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde National Park. In 1941, he took many pictures of the cliff dwellings.
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Words to Know
Mesa Verde Photographs
Ansel Adams
photographer
Yosemite National Park
amazed
beautiful
camera
nature
Mesa Verde National Park
ancient
cliffs
cliff dwellings

Level 3 ■■■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Name _____
Sharing Nature with Others
Fill in the circle to complete...

Sharing Nature with Others
Ansel Adams grew up in California. He got his first camera when he was 14 years old. Adams liked to take photographs of things in nature. He wanted to share the beauty of nature with others.
The United States has many national parks. The parks are there for people to visit and enjoy. In the 1940s, Adams took many pictures for the National Park Service. Some of places he visited were Glacier National Park in Montana.
Animals such as grizzly bears and mountain goats live in Glacier National Park. Ansel Adams didn't take photographs of the animals, though. He took photographs of the mountains and lakes there. He also took pictures of plants and clouds. Adams wanted to make sure special places in nature were protected. He wanted people to be able to visit these places in the future. Today, you can still visit Glacier National Park and enjoy its beauty.

Ansel Adams took this photograph of a mountain in Glacier National Park. In 1941, he took many pictures of the mountains.
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Words to Know
Sharing Nature with Others
Ansel Adams
camera
photographs
nature
beauty
national parks
National Park Service
Glacier National Park
grizzly bears
protected
future

Assemble the Unit

Reproduce and distribute one copy for each student:

- Visual Literacy page: An American Photographer, page 171
- Level 1, 2, or 3 Reading Selection and Reading Comprehension page and the corresponding Words to Know list
- Graphic Organizer of your choosing, provided on pages 180–186
- Writing Form: Ansel Adams, page 172

Introduce the Topic

Point out the photograph of Ansel Adams. Explain to students that Adams is remembered as an important American artist.

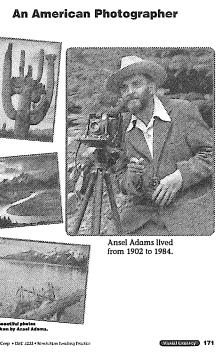
Point out the camera and tripod. Help students compare Adams's camera to cameras of today.

Read and Respond

Form leveled groups and review the Words to Know lists with each group of students. Instruct each group to read their selection individually, in pairs, or as a group. Have students complete the Reading Comprehension page for their selection.

Write About the Topic

Read aloud the leveled writing prompt for each group. Tell students to use the Graphic Organizer to plan their writing. Direct students to use their Writing Form to respond to their prompt.



Visual Literacy

Name _____

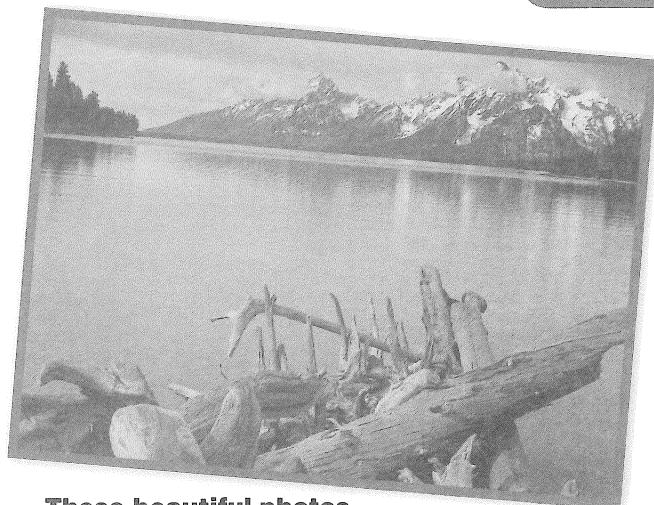
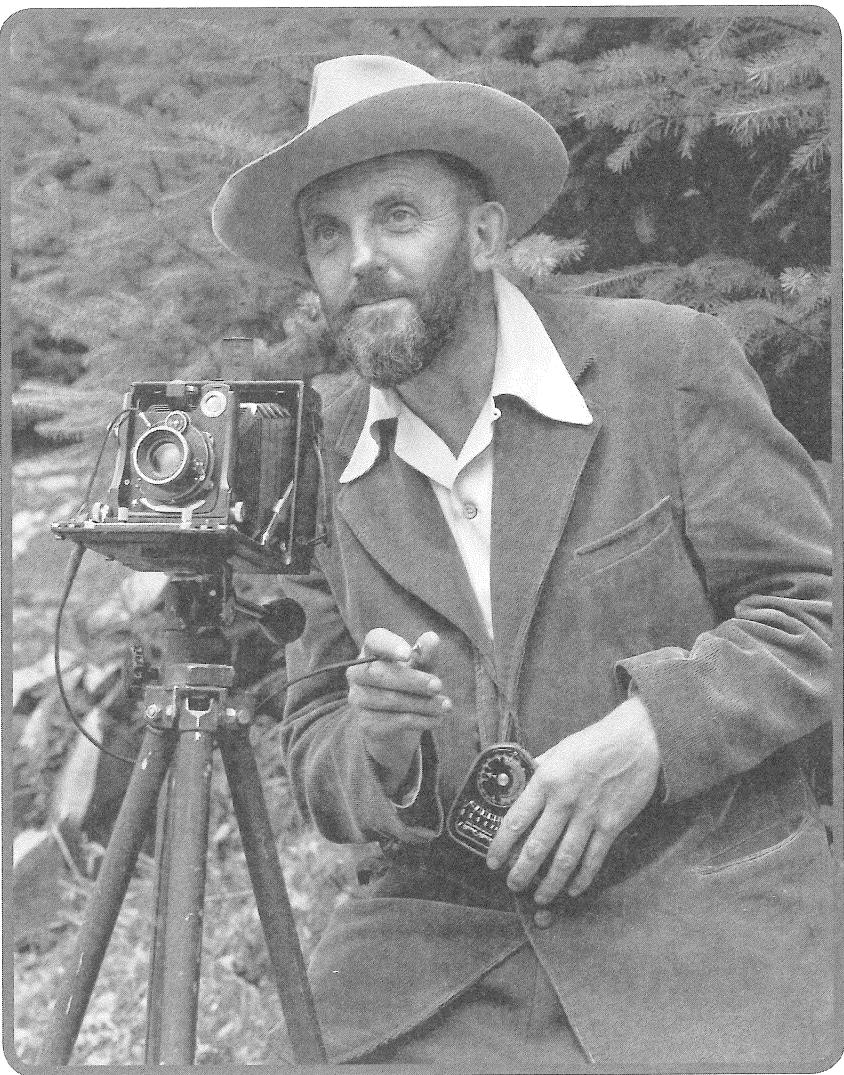
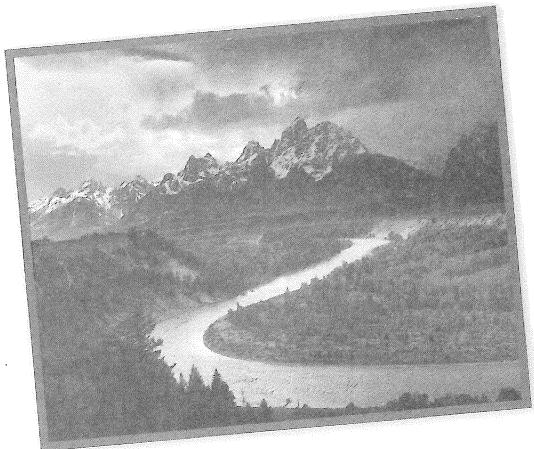
Ansel Adams



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Writing Form

An American Photographer

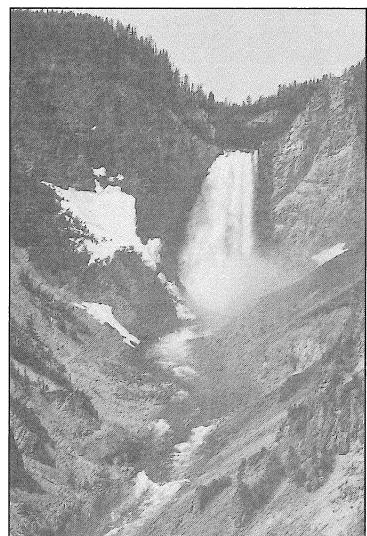


These beautiful photos
were taken by Ansel Adams.

Ansel Adams lived
from 1902 to 1984.

Name _____

Ansel Adams



Words to Know
**Photographing
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Photographing Nature

People make art for many different reasons. Artists can show how they feel about things through their art. Photography is one kind of art. Ansel Adams was a famous American photographer. Adams enjoyed the beauty of nature. He wanted to share that beauty with others.

In the 1940s, Adams was hired by the United States government. People wanted him to take photographs of national parks. Adams took many photographs of the parks.

Adams felt strongly that more of nature should be kept safe. He took pictures of mountains and trees. He took pictures of rocks and rivers. His pictures showed their beauty. Adams talked to people in the government. He wanted them to make more national parks. Today, these areas are kept safe. People can still see these places and enjoy their beauty.



Ansel Adams took this photograph of the Kings Canyon area in California in 1936. With Adams's help, the area became Kings Canyon National Park in 1940.

Photographing Nature

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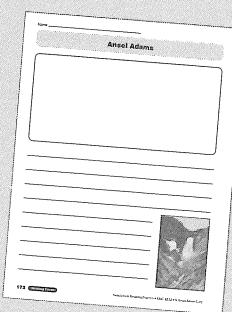
1. Ansel Adams was an artist who _____.
Ⓐ painted nature
Ⓑ took photographs
Ⓒ made drawings of national parks
2. Adams's pictures showed the beauty of _____.
Ⓐ people who are artists
Ⓑ famous cities
Ⓒ our national parks
3. How did Ansel Adams use photographs to keep nature safe?

4. Describe the feeling of the photograph of Kings Canyon.

Write About the Topic

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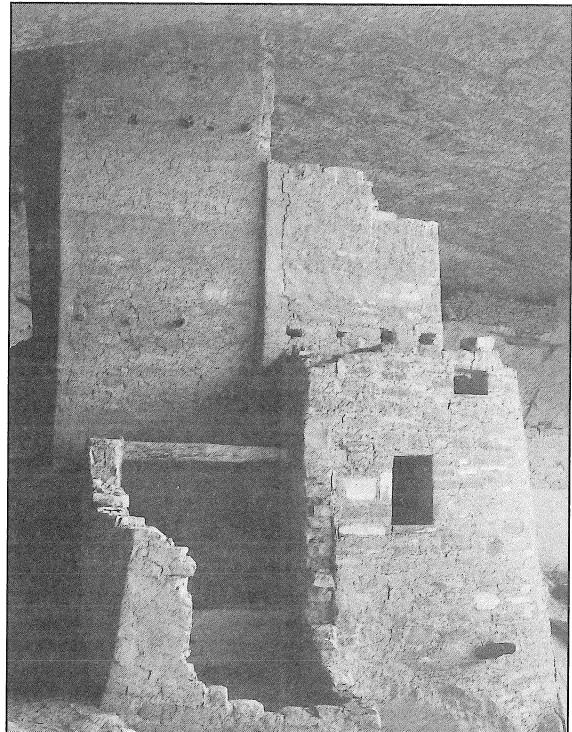
Draw Adams's photograph. Write to tell about Adams and his life as a photographer.



Mesa Verde Photographs

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Ansel Adams took this photograph in Mesa Verde National Park. It shows a cliff dwelling.

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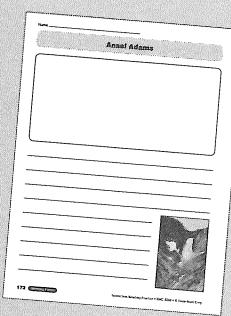
1. Ansel Adams got his first camera in _____.
Ⓐ 1902
Ⓑ 1916
Ⓒ 1941
2. The first place Adams photographed was _____.
Ⓐ Colorado Park
Ⓑ Mesa Verde National Park
Ⓒ Yosemite National Park
3. A family trip was important to young Ansel Adams. What facts from the text tell you this?

4. Why do you think the cliff dwellings interested Ansel Adams?

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to draw and write about what you read.

Draw Adams's photograph. Write to tell why national parks were important to him.

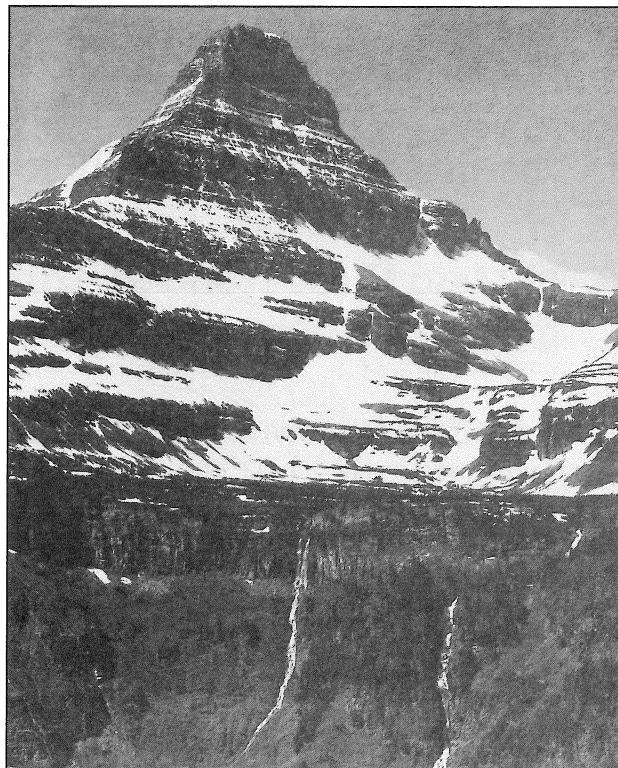


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Ansel Adams took this photograph in Glacier National Park.