

Author's Purpose

entertain me with
stories about
Yellowstone

persuade me to
visit Yellowstone

inform me about
Yellowstone

- ① In 1872, Yellowstone became the first national park.
- ② Yellowstone has comfortable cabins to stay in.
- ③ People go to Yellowstone to see Old Faithful.
- ④ Juan went to Yellowstone with his family and came nose to nose with a bear.
- ⑤ Yellowstone is on top of a hot spot.
- ⑥ Native Americans came to Yellowstone before it was a national park.
- ⑦ Yellowstone is a wonderful place for a family to go on vacation.
- ⑧ People come to Yellowstone to hike, camp, and fish.
- ⑨ Juan wandered away from his family as they looked at Old Faithful.

Instructions: Have students circle the box from the top row that identifies the author's purpose. Then, have students circle each sentence below the line that is a detail from the book supporting the author's purpose.

Name _____

and

but

or

- ① We hiked a lot _____ didn't get to see the whole park.
- ② Bison are big _____ hairy.
- ③ Grizzly bears are big _____ fast.
- ④ Wolves were forced out of Yellowstone, _____ people brought them back.
- ⑤ Take this trail _____ that one.
- ⑥ People went to Yellowstone _____ knew it had to be protected.
- ⑦ Our hike was long, _____ not too long.
- ⑧ Is your favorite park Yellowstone _____ the Grand Canyon?



Instructions: Read the sentences with students. Ask them to choose the appropriate conjunction—*and*, *but*, or *or*—to write in each of the blanks.

Name _____

small	cold	strong	fast	kind	sad	beautiful	dirty
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Word	Synonyms						
pretty							
nice							
tiny							
chilly							
unhappy							
powerful							
quick							
unclean							



Instructions: Read each word in the word bank aloud with students. Have them choose the correct synonym for each word and record it in the space provided.