

Study Guide for Reading Quiz in Oct 17
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1964 American Wilderness Act
How is wilderness defined in this Wilderness Act?

Wilderness and the American Mind

Chapter 1

1. How does Judeo-Christian tradition influence the Europeans's experience of wilderness?
2. How does the early and medieval Christianity influence people's attitude towards wilderness?
3. How does medieval Christians St. Francis of Assisi view the relationship between human beings and wilderness?
4. How do Daoism and the Chinese and Japanese landscape painters view wilderness according to the author?

Chapter 5

1. What are the main ideas of transcendentalism?
2. Why does transcendentalism have positive appreciation of wilderness?
3. How did Thoreau's Maine experience influence his view of wilderness?
4. How does Thoreau view the relationship between wilderness and civilization?

Chapter 8

1. What is the main theme of transcendentalism? What kinds of obstacles that John Muir tried to overcome in his aesthetic appreciation of wild places?
2. How did John Muir promote the preservation of wilderness of Yosemite? What are the main figures who help Muir achieve his passion for preservation of wilderness?
3. What is the difference between Pinchot and Muir in their understanding of forestry? What were the conflicting values in conservation of forest movement?
4. What is the historical background for the formation of Sierra Club?