National Parks Project

Today, more than half of the 386 park areas administered by the National Park Service have been set aside as symbols and evidence of our history and prehistory. Many of our natural parks contain historic places that represent important aspects of that history. Collectively, these places present an American history textbook, a textbook that educates us about the people, events, buildings, objects, landscapes, and artifacts of the American past and about the aspirations and actions that produced those tangible survivors.

You will design a map for your National Park following the guidelines below.

**Include**:

* Major landmarks
  + What is the name of the landmark?
  + Where is the landmark located on the map?
  + Historical Information about the landmark
    - When did it come about?
    - Who discovered/created it?
    - How big is it?
    - Why is it important?
  + Interesting fact about the Landmark
  + Try to draw the landmark to the best of your abilities and in the correct location as accurately as possible.
* Animals-for all animals in the park
  + What animals live in your park? What kind of habitat is this? Describe the ecosystem. Also describe if this animal has a predator or is it prey?
  + How long have they been there?
  + Are they endangered? If so, when did they become endangered, how did they become endangered, and what is being done to help them?
  + Interesting fact about the animals
  + Draw the animals
* Information booths
  + Put an i with a circle around it and on the back answer the following questions
    - Who created the park?
    - When was the park created?
    - Why was the park created?
    - How many visitors does it get a year?
    - Where is the park located?
    - Does anyone live in the park, who? Why are they allowed to be there?
* Map Elements
  + Key
    - Includes all the symbols and their meaning
  + Scale
    - Accurate scale
  + Direction indicator
    - Pointing in the correct direction.

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| Category | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| **Content & Accuracy**  **(25 pts)** | All facts about the Park on the map are accurate and detailed. | 99-90% of the facts about the Park on the map are accurate and detailed. | 89-80% of the facts about the park on the map are accurate and detailed. | Fewer than 80% of the facts on the map are accurate and detailed. |
| Graphics/Pictures **(10 pts)** | Graphics and pictures accurately show the major land marks in the park in the correct places. | The pictures are accurate but they are not all in the correct place. | The pictures do not go with the park and are in the same side of the park as they are supposed to be, but not near the correct place. | The pictures are not from the park and seem to be randomly placed in the park. |
| **Attractiveness & Organization**  **(10 pts)** | The map has exceptionally attractive formatting and well-organized information. | The map has attractive formatting and well-organized information | The map has well-organized information. | The map’s formatting and organization of material are confusing to the reader. |
| Map Elements **(5 pts)** | Correctly uses key, scale, and direction indicator | Correctly uses 2/3 map elements | Correctly uses 1/3 map elements | Does not use map elements correctly |

Here are a couple of web sites that may be useful to your Internet search:

<http://www.us-national-parks.net/>

<http://www.us-parks.com/>

<http://www.nps.gov/>