

## Middle School Teacher Instructions and Activity

Students will use a reproducible sheet to make a "welcome sign" for a particular national park that includes information about that park.

**Supplies needed:** pencil or pen, crayons or colored pencils, reference material with information about national parks, reproducible sheet with welcome sign template

## Directions:

- 1. Assign a national park to each student. You can easily find a list on the Internet.
- 2. Pass out the reproducible sheet with the welcome sign template.
- 3. Direct students to research their national park to find out what state it is located in and some general information about the park.
- 4. Direct students to write the name of their state park on the sheet and write a short paragraph (2-4 sentences) about the park. Ask them to color and decorate their signs. Suggest that they add some art that relates to their park.

For example:

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

This national park is located in three states. They are Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. Yellowstone National Park is the world's first national park, created in 1872. One of the favorite attractions at Yellowstone is Old Faithful, a geyser that erupts at regular intervals.

5. Ask students to present their national park welcome signs to the class. Display the sheets on the bulletin board.

