

18. What do you think about national parks?

Aim

This values clarification activity helps students clarify their ideas and values about national parks and compare them with those of other people.

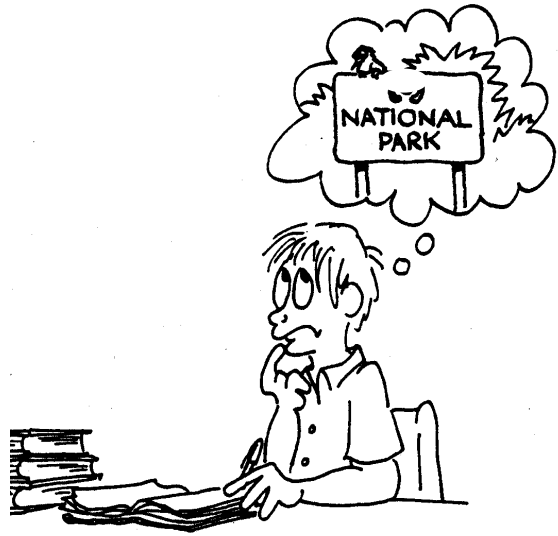
Materials

- Activity sheet 18: What do you think about national parks?
- Workbook and pen.

Activities

1. By yourself, read the statements on the activity sheet carefully. Decide whether you strongly agree, mildly agree, mildly disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion at all on each. Tick the appropriate column.
2. As a class, collate the results. You can do this by making a board summary of how many responses fell into each category and then making these a percentage.
3. Choose two statements that had a 'strongly agree' response from the group. In pairs discuss why this might be so.
4. Next choose two statements that have a 'strongly disagree' response. In pairs discuss why this might be so.
5. Choose two statements where your opinion differed quite strongly from that of the group. Consider reasons why this may be so. Write a brief explanation of this.

6. Consider ways in which you might be able to influence other people's opinions. Is it appropriate to do this? Write a brief explanation about why or why not and then suggest two ways that may be successful in influencing other people's opinions.



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Statement	Strongly agree	Mildly agree	No opinion	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree
1. Access to national parks should be restricted to those who have an interest in studying some aspect of it.					
2. If oil supplies run short it would be worthwhile exploring for oil in national parks.					
3. If I study a book about plants and animals I can learn more about natural environments than by actually visiting a park.					
4. Cars should be banned in parks. They should be left in a central car park and people can ride bicycles or walk.					
5. Even if I never visit a national park it is important to me to know they are there.					
6. People should be allowed to undertake whatever kind of recreational activities they want to in a park.					
7. Rangers should be trained as experts in the plants and animals of their park and should be able to explain them to visitors.					
8. People fishing for recreation in a national park should be allowed to catch as many fish as they can.					
9. I feel I have a responsibility to do something positive to help conserve the environment in national parks.					
10. New tourist accommodation should be established in more national parks where people need to stay overnight to fully appreciate the park					
11. National parks have a value that cannot be fairly calculated in economic terms. They provide an understanding of the natural world and inner peace.					
12. I would like to spend a large part of the park's budget on purchasing an ecosystem that is not well represented at present in the national parks system, even though it would be expensive and the particular ecosystem may not be very attractive to many people.					