

# GWS 100AC

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Notes courtesy of Michelle Zhang!

- Example: Settler colonialism and stories of wilderness affects even today
  - National Park visitors more white than U.S.
  - However the major communities around the national parks are usually Latino
  - Who sees themselves participating in these activities? - lmao white people
- Title of Aron Ralsons book: *Between A Rock and A Hard Place*
- Final: If none of the books satisfy you, try:
  - Outside Magazine and type books in search bar
  - Go on OskiCat/Amazon and search American Wilderness
- Eugenics: “well-born”
  - 20<sup>th</sup> century policy aimed to improve the quality of the population by preventing unfit people from reproducing and encouraging fit people to
  - Ex. Prohibition of interracial marriage, sterilization of mentally disabled & rational groups, institutionalized homosexuals, etc.
  - Native American women sterilized
    - \* Less population means less say in whether their ethnicity owns the land
    - \* Woman were told that their contraceptive operations were reversible
    - \* 5% of native women sterilized in 3 years but unreliable reports . estimated to be 50-80% in a tribe
- Stories Matter!
- Val Plum:
  - Renaming will not give you something pure and remove all the bad things.
  - Rename in a way that invites more social history

- *The National Parks: Americas Best Ideas*
  - Wilderness portrayed as large, vast and powerful
  - Superlatives of nature
  - “This is what were part of. This is home.”
  - “American families go to their land”
  - Human experience exemplified by white version etc
  - America different from others: magnificence in what is shared (wild!)  
with all vs magnificence only in that held by rich