

GWS 100AC

National Parks cont.

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- Question 3 on quiz #3 has been thrown out.
- In quiz #4, use a specific moment in Spence's book to make connections across different concepts (settler colonialism logic, anti-conquest, dualisms).
 - Draw evidence from Pratt and Plumwood.
 - Due at end of spring break. [extended]
- [T. Roosevelt & J. Muir: Glacier Point, Yosemite](#)
 - National Parks preserve wild space.
 - Yosemite was made the first “state” park in the 1860s. Protected as Californian public land.
 - Yellowstone (1872) was made the first national park. Under national jurisdiction. Started to define national identity, perpetuated definition of wilderness. **GOTTA BE MANLY NATION!**
 - The place where Yellowstone existed was not yet a state; it was part of a territory.
 - Anxiety over effects of civilization (Turner mourning loss of free land, nothing left to civilize ☺)
 - Men are becoming too soft because of urbanization
- Mark David Spence's central argument: ideas about native people and wilderness shifts over time.
 - In the beginning of 19th century, wilderness is conflated with native people).
 - At the end of the 19th century, wilderness comes to be seen as not including any people at all. It's pristine, empty.
 - Land grabs against Native Americans presented as preserving wilderness
 - Glacier Park: Grinnell supports the manly, civilized kind of hunting.

In search of untrodden, pristine landscapes, Grinnell relied on Blackfeet guides and followed countless Indian trails to discover areas that he described as "absolutely virgin ground . . . with no sign of previous passage.

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tfw when you have guides but the land is supposedly unoccupied

- The place that belonged to and defined the Blackfeet (Glacier) was seen as their "body" - avoids dualistic thought.
- Attendance Quiz Answer: "The National Parks: America's Best Idea"
- Anti-Conquest
 - Strategies where Europeans seek to secure their innocence as they assert Euro. HEGEMONY!
 - Travel narratives work in this anti-conquest manner.
 - Botanists are hegemonic!1!!1!!!
- Anti-conquest is seen when Grinnell visits Glacier, and represents Glacier in a particular way (secures his own innocence, asserts that sweet, sweet, *hegemony*).
- Dualisms
 - Dualisms do not just divide the world in two
 - For Plumwood: the relationship between the two parts is arranged hierarchically
 - Used to justify domination
- [Ward v Race Horse](#)
- Dualism with regard to humanity: less human → nature
- Camping
 - Roosevelt believed it was absolutely necessary for men to go camping (not women, they should be having babies).
 - The documentary talks about the introduction of cavalry of national troops to protect game from poachers.
 - Back to dualistic logic: humans are rendered opposite from nature.

- Native use of the game is cast as poaching
- Native hunting is seen as wasteful