

The Value of a Tree: The Public Debates of John Muir and Gifford Pinchot

1) How did each of the men view the natural resources of the United States?

Gifford Pinchot	
John Muir	

2) What was happening to California's resources in the 1870s and 1880s?

3) Whose hands were Pinchot and Muir attempting to remove national resources and land control from?

4) Where were Muir's "appeals for wilderness protection" (765) directed to? Where were Pinchot's?

5) Where did Theodore Roosevelt first "proclaim the gospel of utilitarian conservation?" (766) What was his proclamation?

6) What two fronts did Muir and the preservationists face battles on?

7) What does the author, and ultimately John Muir, mean with the phrase "Knowing that most of his readers saw nature and man as separate entities...?" (769)

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8) According to Pinchot's quote on page 769 and 770, what needed the most protecting by means of conservation?

9) Use a dictionary to define the term "pragmatist."

10) What did Pinchot urge his readers to believe?

11) Muir's crusade was aimed at reforming what? How did he plan to do succeed?

12) What role did religion play in the fight between Muir and Pinchot?

13) After reading this article, are you in favor of Pinchot's conservation, Muir's preservation, or a mix of the two? Explain your answer with SPECIFIC examples.

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Important Quotes and Statements – Write down 6 quotes from the article that strike you as important to the events. Be sure to include the page numbers in parentheses.