

John Muir and Aldo Leopold helped to preserve, or protect, nature and wild lands. Read about the lives and accomplishments of John Muir and Aldo Leopold listed on the resumes below.

John Muir (1838–1914)	Aldo Leopold (1887–1948)	Career and Experiences:	Career and Experiences:
<p>Early Life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Born 1838 in ScotlandGrew up on a farm in WisconsinStudied plant science, or botany, and geology <p><i>John Muir in Yosemite Valley on California quarter</i></p> <p>Legacy and Activism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helped establish Yosemite National ParkShowed people the value of preserving natureWoods named for him; appears on U.S. quarterFounded Sierra Club, which works to protect wild places <p><i>John Muir and Experiences...</i></p>	<p>Early Life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Born 1887 in IowaExplored woods near his home during childhoodStudied forestry at Yale University <p><i>Aldo Leopold's popular essays about experiences with nature</i></p> <p>Legacy and Activism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed the first wilderness area in a national forest, the Gila Wilderness in New MexicoHelped people understand importance of keeping wild lands and ecosystems healthyWilderness area named for himHelped start a society for wildlife specialists	<p>Career and Experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrote many articles and booksLived in a cabin on Yosemite Creek in CaliforniaExplored Alaska and fought to preserve many natural areas such as the Grand Canyon <p>Writings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrote <i>A Thousand-Mile Walk To The Gulf</i>, journal of his walk from Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico	<p>Career and Experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Taught courses on care of wild animals and their habitats at University of WisconsinWorked for the U.S. Forest ServiceDeveloped plans to care for forests <p>Writings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrote <i>A Sand County Almanac</i>

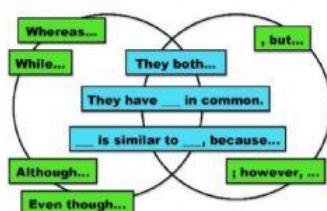
Your principal is deciding whether to name a new scholarship for John Muir or Aldo Leopold. She wants to choose a person who was **dedicated to protecting nature**. On the next page, you will write a letter to your principal explaining **whom the scholarship should be named for and why**.

Think carefully about these questions to get ideas for your writing.

- How might the United States be different without the legacy and activism of Aldo Leopold and John Muir?
- How are the two resumes similar? How are they different?
- Which person is a better choice for the scholarship name?
- How can you summarize the reasons for your choice?

Reason 1	Reason 2	Reason 3
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Compare and Contrast



Write a letter to your principal explaining why you choose John Muir or Aldo Leopold for the new scholarship's name. **Compare and contrast** details from both resumes to support your choice.

Now check your writing. Ask yourself:
Did I write a beginning?
Did I support my main points with details?
Did I write an ending?
Did I choose the best words for my writing?
Did I organize my writing?
Did I make my ideas clear?