D Making a difference

1 Read the article. Then check (✓) the adjectives that describe each person.

	brave	determined	inspiring	passionate	talented
1. John Muir			✓		
2. Ada Blackjack					
3. Louis Armstrong					

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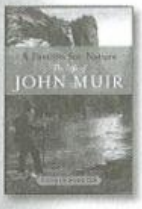


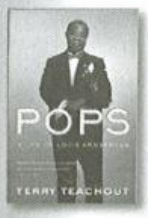
A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir by Donald Worster

This biography about John Muir was terrific. John Muir was born in Scotland in 1838, and he moved to the United States in 1849. He was an explorer and a writer, and he was a very inspiring person. He was passionate about nature, and he helped to create many national parks in the United States. In this book, Donald Worster describes Muir's inspiring travel and work. He also writes about Muir's life with his family and friends.



Ada Blackjack: A True Story of Survival in the Arctic by Jennifer Nevin

Ada Blackjack was born in 1898 in Alaska. In 1921, she went with one Canadian and three American explorers to Wrangel Island in the Arctic. The four men wanted to explore the island. Ada was their cook. After two years, they didn't have enough food and had to leave the island. One man was too sick to travel. Three of the men left to find help. Ada stayed with the sick man. After three months, the man died. Then Ada was alone on the island. She was there for five months, but Ada was determined and brave. Finally, a search team found her, and Ada went back to Alaska. It's an exciting book, and Jennifer Nevin tells Ada's story very well.



Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong by Terry Teachout

Louis Armstrong was born in New Orleans in 1901. He was an extremely talented jazz musician, composer, and singer. He influenced all kinds of musicians and singers, including jazz and pop musicians and singers who are popular today. Louis Armstrong was famous all over the world. In 2001, one hundred years after his birth, the New Orleans airport was renamed Louis Armstrong International Airport in his honor. Terry Teachout writes about Armstrong's music, but he also writes about his life. He shows that Louis Armstrong was an inspiring musician who had an extremely interesting life.

2 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

1. Where was John Muir born? *He was born in Scotland.*
2. When did Muir move to the United States? _____
3. When did Ada Blackjack go to Wrangel Island? _____
4. How long was Blackjack alone on the island? _____
5. Where was Louis Armstrong born? _____
6. What was Armstrong's job? _____

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