

Our **natural resources** are the source of our health and our wealth, of our strength and our **independence**. They are important not merely to the **conservator** and the **exploiter**; they are essential to you -- to every man and woman in America, and to the children who will **inherit** the land.

How can state park service be extended to wider use? How can we let fresh air and sunshine into the soul and body of those who most wish for and need it and have so little means of **gratifying** that wish? How can it be done, away from **dole** or **charity**, in order to help them **maintain** their **self-respect**?

. . . it has successfully been **demonstrated** by libraries, **galleries**, museums and concerned **organizations** that popular taste may be **elevated**. . . In a like manner, it is the function of parks to elevate, not merely to satisfy.

The visitor who uses a particular park and gets the immediate **benefit** from it should **contribute** toward the cost of its **operation** and **preservation**. State parks ought to be made as nearly **self-supporting** as possible, or else the cost will have to be charged to the general taxpayer. It has always been true that those things which are **furnished** to us free of charge are ill-used, **abused** and unappreciated.

Parks are the show windows of **conservation**. . . . In their proper care is **exemplified** the methods of well-ordered land use. It is therefore of **vast** importance that we see to it that in them preservation takes **precedence** over use.

Parks cannot be created on order. They **represent** the finest of **scenery** and are set apart so that their natural **features** plus **flora** and **fauna** may be preserved in **perpetuity**.

Like mighty **altars** of the Master stand our parks -- **masterpieces** of **creation** and the crowning glory of our land rich storehouses of memories and **reveries**; guides and **counsels** to the **wearied** and **faltering** of spirit; **bearers** of wonderful tales to him who will listen; a **solace** to the aged and an **inspiration** to the young. Let us so keep them as **sacred** inheritance, and so **transmit** them to future **generations**.

In our great parks, its "show windows," we have an **unparalleled opportunity** to display it to best **advantage**, and to spread its **gospel** to other branches of our **natural resources vital** to our national life and **security**.

Vocabulary Words from the Quote Cards

There are other definitions for these words, but these are the definitions that apply to the quote cards. The following words are highlighted on the cards.

Abused: treated badly.

Advantage: to put in the best position.

Altar: a table in the front of the church where ceremonies are held.

Bearer: a person or thing that carries something.

Benefit: gain, put to good use.

Charity: help usually in the form of money.

Conservation: protecting natural resources.

Conservator: one who protects.

Contribute: give time or money.

Counsel: advice or guidance.

Creation: something made, especially as an act of God.

Demonstrate: to show or display.

Dole: unemployment benefit or help.

Elevate: to raise.

Exemplified: served as an example of.

Exploiter: one who selfishly uses things for his or her own gain.

Faltering: losing strength.

Fauna: animals.

Feature: piece, item or characteristic.

Flora: plants.

Furnished: provided.

Gallery: a building that shows works of art.

Generation: all of the people born at about the same time.

Gospel: a teaching that is true.

Gratifying: satisfying, fulfilling.

Independence: freedom.

Inherit: to receive something from the previous owner.

Inspiration: to cause someone to be creative.

Maintain: to keep in working order.

Masterpiece: a great work of art.

Natural resources: materials such as forests, water and soil that occur in nature.

Operation: a working display or performance.

Opportunity: a chance.

Organization: a group with a purpose.

Perpetuity: lasting forever.

Popular: common, general.

Precedence: being more important.

Preservation: protection.

Represent: are an example of.

Reveries: pleasant thoughts or daydreams.

Sacred: holy, blessed.

Scenery: natural landscape or surroundings.

Security: safety.

Self-respect: pride and confidence.

Self-supporting: able to survive without outside help.

Solace: comfort.

Transmit: to give or send.

Unparalleled: rare, having no equal.

Vast: huge.

Vital: important.

Weary: tired.