

The Grand Canyon is one of the most famous places in the United States. It is located in the state of Arizona. The Grand Canyon is a very large and deep valley with steep sides. It is about 277 miles long and over a mile deep in some places. The Colorado River runs through the bottom of the canyon.



Water from the Colorado River slowly cut through layers of rock, creating the canyon we see today. Wind and rain also helped shape the canyon. The different colors of rock in the canyon walls show the many different layers of rock that were formed over time.

Many people visit the Grand Canyon each year to see its beauty. There are many ways to explore the canyon. Some hike along the trails, others ride mules down into the canyon, and there are also boat trips on the Colorado River. Some even take helicopter rides to get a bird's-eye view of the canyon.

The Grand Canyon is home to many kinds of plants and animals. There are more than 1,500 types of plants in the Grand Canyon. Some animals you might see include bighorn sheep, mule deer, and California condors. The Grand Canyon is a great place to learn about nature. You can stay in several places if you visit the Grand Canyon. There are campgrounds where you can set up a tent and sleep under the stars or there are lodges and hotels if you want a more comfortable place to stay. Many people come to the Grand Canyon to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with family and friends.



The Grand Canyon is also an important place for Native American tribes. The Havasupai, Hopi, Navajo, and Hualapai tribes all have a history connected to the Grand Canyon. They have lived in and around the canyon for thousands of years. Today, these tribes still live near the Grand Canyon and share their culture and traditions with visitors.

The Grand Canyon is a national park. This means it is protected by the government so that people can enjoy its beauty for many years to come. The park rangers work hard to keep the park clean and safe for everyone. They also help visitors learn more about the Grand Canyon.

If you ever get the chance to visit the Grand Canyon, you will see why it is such a special place. The views are amazing, and there is so much to do and learn. Whether hiking, taking pictures, or just enjoying the scenery, the Grand Canyon is a place you will never forget.

Name:

Date:

Circle the correct answer.

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What I learned:

Name two activities people can do when they visit the Grand Canyon.



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- a. True
- b. False

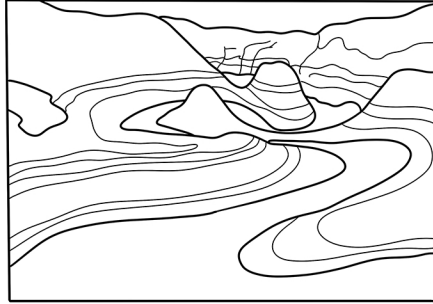
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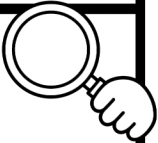


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Camp, boat tour, hike, mule rides

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