John Muir, a founding member and first president of the Sierra Club, studied and cared about wilderness. He sought to preserve wild places and is considered the Father of Our National Parks, and especially of Yosemite. Muir wrote in his journals about the beauty he saw in nature. He drew pictures detailing information about plants, animals, mountains and landscapes. He used his journals to compose letters to friends, articles, and books to share his love of nature and enlist people’s support to preserve wilderness. Marion Parsons, a mountaineer and early Sierra Club leader who helped him write his last book, tied red ribbon around his writings to organize them in his “scribble den” at the family ranch in Martinez, California.

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