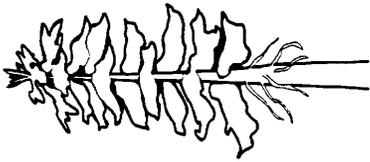


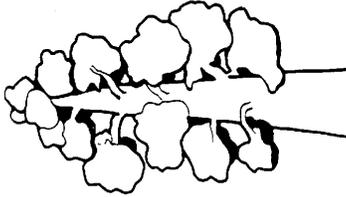
Sequoia trees are the largest living things. Coast redwoods may be the tallest living things, but the most massive is the giant sequoia. These trees were so big around, loggers couldn't use saws. They blasted the trees with dynamite.



Coast Redwood

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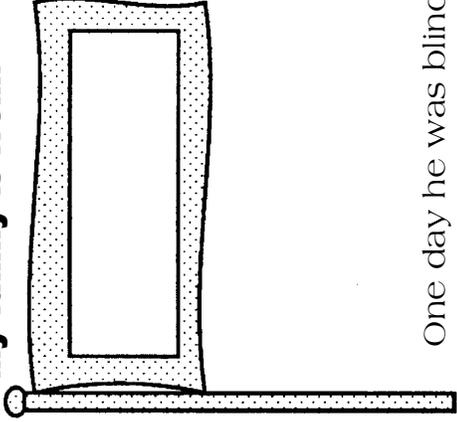
John Muir knew sequoia grew in only a few places of the world. He worked with others to save them from being cut down. You can visit groves of big trees in Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia National Parks.



Sequoia

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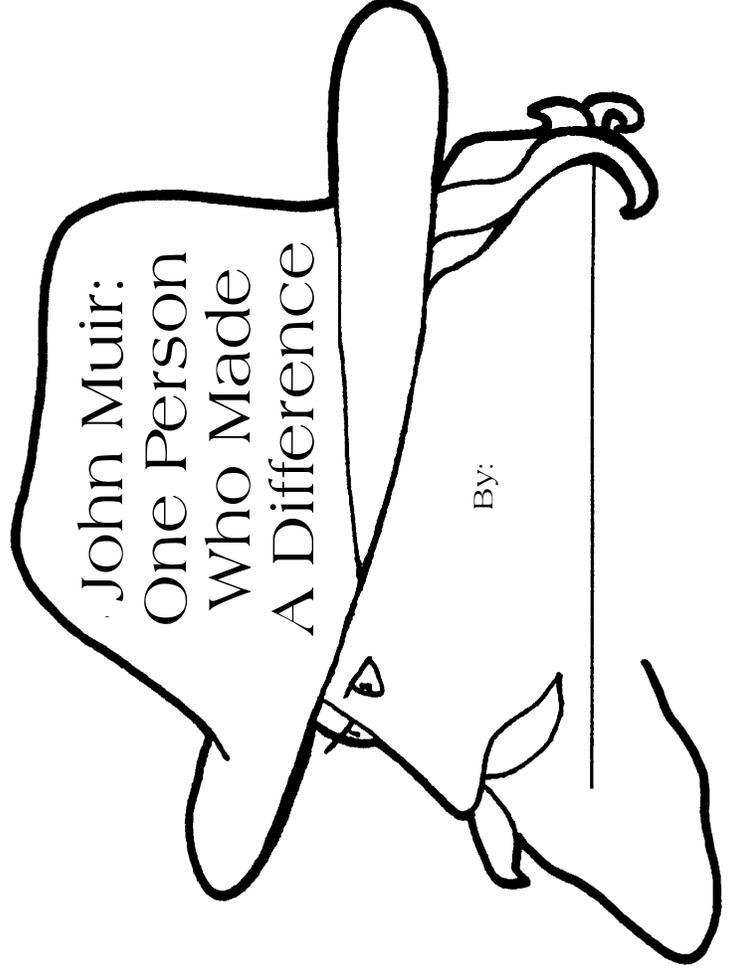
My family is from:



As a child, John Muir worked hard on his family's farm. He cut down trees and plowed fields. He loved to read so much he would get up at one o'clock in the morning to read before work! He invented machines to tip him out of bed and open his books!

One day he was blinded at work. He promised himself that if he could ever see again, he would look at the beauty of nature as much as he could.

I am like John Muir because:

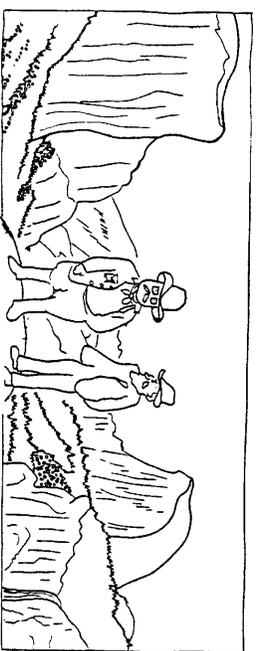


John Muir could see again! He took a 1,000-mile walk. He took a ship to San Francisco. Then he walked to Yosemite. He loved Yosemite's rock cliffs, waterfalls, plants, and animals.



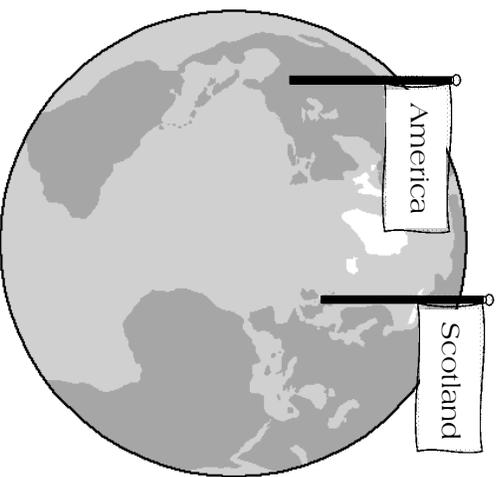
John Muir became angry that people cut down trees and grazed livestock in Yosemite. He learned from nature and taught others to care about nature.

Imagine camping in Yosemite with the President of the United States! John Muir understood nature so well, people came from far away to talk with him, even the President.



John Muir and President Roosevelt camped for three days. They talked about how to protect important places, such as Yosemite, which was one of our first national parks. John Muir is known as the father of national parks because he cared enough to protect the places he loved.

Many people came to America from other lands. John Muir came from Scotland. He learned to read there. He learned about the birds and trees of Scotland before he came to America. Where is your family from?



John Muir had a home in Martinez with his wife and two daughters. They had a large farm with many kinds of fruit trees. John Muir knew so much about plants, he made a fortune selling his fruit. He wrote about his travels in his "scribble-den" on the top floor of his home. He would roll bread up into balls and dry them on the roof. All he would take camping would be his bread and tea.

