

Wolves in Yellowstone

1. What is a trophic cascade?
2. List five different types of living things that were blessed by the wolves' return, and describe how they benefited.
3. How well have humans done as stewards and inhabitants of Yellowstone Park from the park's beginning until 1995?
4. Seventeenth century theologian and educator John Comenius wrote, "All creatures should have cause to join us in praising God." How might this be relevant to what has happened at Yellowstone?
5. As our understanding of creation and its ecosystems has increased, how have our stewardship practices in Yellowstone changed? What has the fruit of this change been?
6. As you think about the changes in plant and animal numbers since the wolves' reintroduction, what future stewardship issues might we need to begin to think about?
7. Is this a matter that should concern Christians? How can faith, scientific investigation, and the balance of animal populations be connected as we consider an example such as Yellowstone?