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John Muir's Early Life

John Muir was born in Scotland in 1838. He lived with his family in a small coastal town and began his education in the local school. When John was eleven he moved with his family to the United States. They settled on a farm in Wisconsin and John soon began to help out with the farm chores. When he had free time he loved to wander with his younger brother through the nearby woods. A deep love of nature had begun to awaken in him.

MONDAY

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Muir was a good student and a creative thinker. By the time he was in his early 20s he had won prizes at the state fair for some of his inventions. One of his more unusual creations for example was a device that would tip him out of bed each day? Before he finished college Muir had the urge to travel. He left school to wander through the northern United States and Canada and he made money along the way by working at odd jobs.

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By the time he was 29 Muir was working at a carriage parts shop in Indiana. An accident at the shop caused Muir to lose his eyesight. Although his vision returned after a month Muir's short blindness changed his life. He decided to spend more time doing the things that mattered most to him and what he loved most of all were nature. He began therefore the first of many walking trips, covering 1,000 miles from Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico.



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From the Gulf of Mexico Muir continued his journey by ship. He sailed to Cuba then on to Panama and finally to California, which became his home. It was not long after his arrival that Muir first hiked in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. He fell in love with their striking beauty and would go on to devote the rest of his life to enjoying, praising and protecting this land. The Sierra Club, founded by Muir and others, continues that work today.



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THURSDAY

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