

# wil·der·ness

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*noun*

1. a tract or region uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings
2. an area essentially undisturbed by human activity together with its naturally developed life community
3. an empty or pathless area or region
4. a bewildering situation

Interpretation:

- For each of the definitions of wilderness, think of a first-hand example that you have seen before.
- Was there a definition that was harder to come up with a first-hand example based on your experience?
- Which one would like to explore more of? What would that look, smell, sound, taste, and feel like?
- Thoreau spoke about his desire to go the wilderness “to live deliberately”. What do you think it is about going through wildernesses (any of the above definitions) that leads us to live more deliberately?

Investigation:

- Going back and looking at the text (James 5:13-20), can you apply each of the 4 definitions of wilderness to a section?
- Is there someone from the Bible that this text makes you think of?
- Find a story about that person, read it and become more familiar with their encounter with wilderness. Was wilderness a positive or negative thing? Was the wilderness a destination in their journey, or was it an obstacle along the path?

Ideation:

- In what ways did you connect with the person you studied?
- Write down as many synonyms for wilderness that you can think of.
- How are these ideas of wilderness similar and different?
- Can you make 3 categories based on their similarities?
- What are some problems people encounter when they are going through times of wilderness?

**Innovation:**

- Based on your 3 categories of wilderness and the problems associated with them, which one are you most interested in encouraging others who may be going through a wilderness time?
- Develop an idea that you could put into practice for this purpose. Be sure to define your audience, the media you will use, and your connection to the purpose.

**Intimation:**

- Share your plan with your parents. Get their feedback.
- Share your plan with us so we can give you feedback and see how we help integrate your plan.

**Integration:**

- Share your idea with your audience. Put it out there!

**Grid Feedback:**

Which activity did you connect with so far? What questions do you have? What would you like to investigate further?

**Wilderness Questions:**

31. Name one private worry from your inner dialogue that would surprise people.
32. What is the most beautiful place you've ever been?
33. Do you have siblings? How would you say this has affected your personality?
34. What physical feature are you most proud of on your body?
35. What is pride? How does it shape you?

**Spanish Vocabulary:**

Give 3 examples you have done in the last 2 weeks for each of the words.

1. Lavar
2. Limpiar
3. Viajar
4. Cuidar
5. Pedir