

—AMAZING NATIONAL PARKS—

GRAND CANYON

National Park

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School-to-Home Support for Caregivers and Teachers

This appealing book is designed to teach students about core subject areas. Students will build upon what they already know about the subject, and engage in topics that they want to learn more about. Here are a few guiding questions to help readers build their comprehension skills. Possible answers appear here in red.

Before Reading:

What do I know about Grand Canyon National Park?

- I know the national park is a huge canyon.*
- I know many people visit Grand Canyon National Park.*

What do I want to learn about this topic?

- I want to learn what people can see in the national park.*
- I want to learn what people can do in the national park.*

During Reading:

I'm curious to know...

- I'm curious to know what kinds of desert animals live in the national park.*
- I'm curious to know if people can go to the bottom of the canyon.*

How is this like something I already know?

- I know some snakes live in the desert.*
- I know the canyon is deep.*

After Reading:

What was the author trying to teach me?

- The author was trying to teach me about why so many people visit Grand Canyon National Park.*
- The author was trying to teach me what visitors can see at the national park.*

How did the photographs and captions help me understand more?

- The photographs helped me picture what the national park looks like.*
- The captions gave me extra information about the history of Grand Canyon National Park.*

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Chapter 1

WELCOME TO GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Layers of brightly colored rock show the power of water and time. The Grand **Canyon** is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. It's also a national park that millions of people visit every year!

Know the Park

The U.S. government owns national parks and takes care of them. National parks are used to help protect natural areas.



Know the Park

The North Rim and the South Rim are two sides at the top of the canyon. Driving from the South Rim to the North Rim takes about five hours.

Grand Canyon National Park includes more than 1,900 square miles (4,921 square kilometers) of land. The Grand Canyon itself is 277 miles (446 kilometers) long. Grand Canyon National Park is in Arizona. The Colorado River runs through the canyon.



BEFORE IT WAS A PARK

Native Americans first lived on canyon lands thousands of years ago. The Navajo, Southern Paiute, Hualapai, Hopi, Zuni, Apache, and Havasupai all think of the Grand Canyon as a **sacred** place. Only the Havasupai people still live in a village in the Grand Canyon.



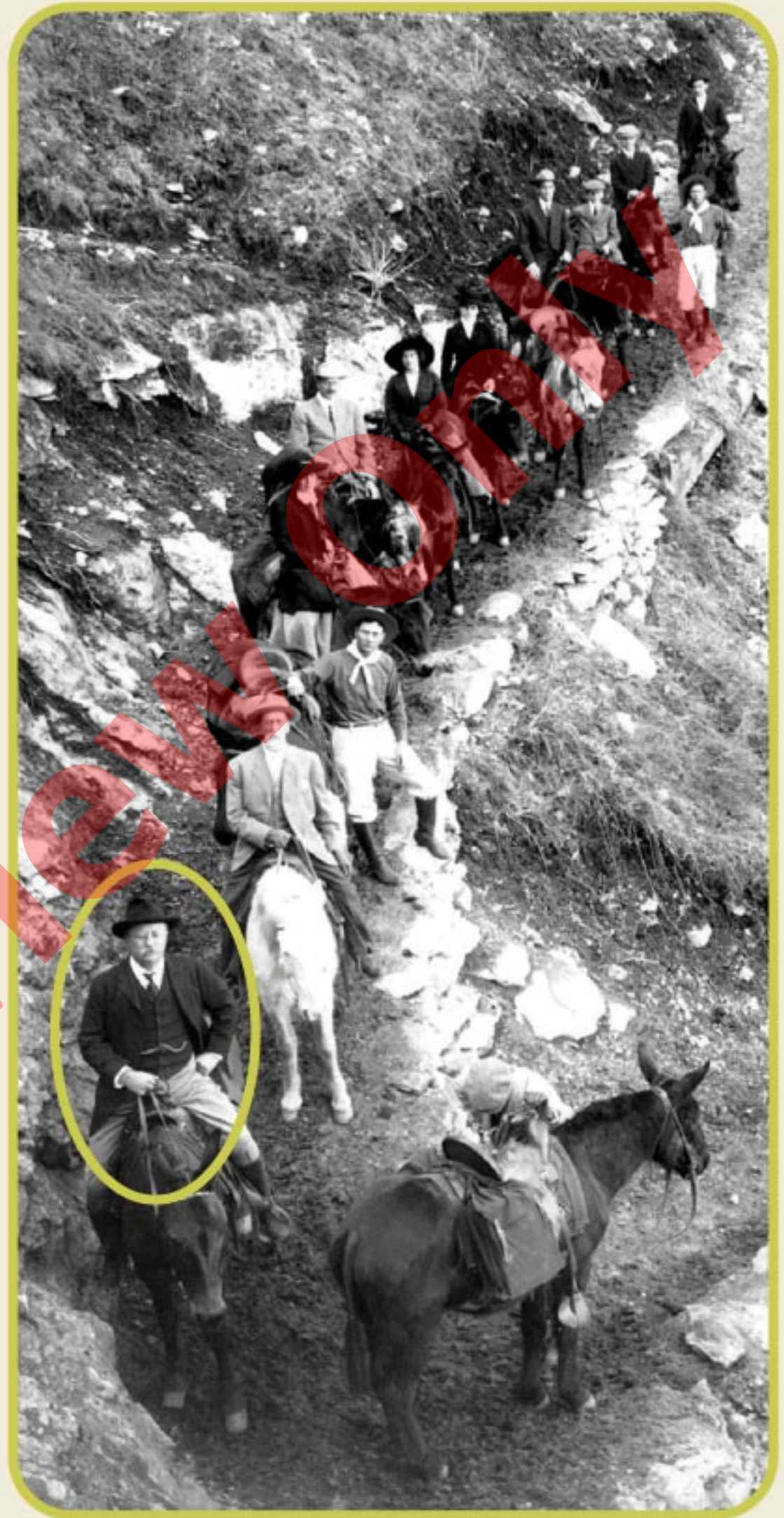
The Havasupai have lived in Supai Village in the Grand Canyon for more than 1,000 years—and still do!



Explorers from Europe first visited the Grand Canyon in the 1500s but did not settle there. Some copper mining was done in the area in the late 1800s. Word spread that the Grand Canyon was a special natural area. It became a popular place to visit in the early 1900s.

FOUNDING THE PARK

Many people in the United States government worked to protect the Grand Canyon. President Benjamin Harrison first named it a protected area in 1893. President Theodore Roosevelt made the Grand Canyon a **national monument** in 1908. The U.S. Congress passed a bill to make it a national park on February 26, 1919.



President Roosevelt rode a mule to the bottom of the Grand Canyon in 1903.

THE PARK TODAY

Grand Canyon National Park is the 11th-largest national park in the United States. It has 595 miles (957 kilometers) of trails. Between 4 to 6 million people enjoy Grand Canyon National Park every year!

