

The Seven Natural Wonders of the World

There is some debate surrounding the seven natural wonders of the world, but most have agreed that they are:

- The Grand Canyon
- The Great Barrier Reef
- The Harbor of Rio de Janeiro
- Mount Everest
- The Northern Lights
- Paricutin Volcano
- Victoria Falls

The Grand Canyon is a steep-sided gorge that was carved by the Colorado River. It is located in the northern part of Arizona. Most of the Grand Canyon is located within the Grand Canyon National Park, which was one of the first national parks created in the United States. The Grand Canyon is roughly 227 miles long. The width of the canyon varies, and it can be between four and eighteen miles wide.

The Great Barrier Reef is located off of the coast of Queensland in the northeastern part of Australia. It is the largest coral reef system in the world. The Great Barrier Reef has about 900 islands and 3,000 individual reefs. The Great Barrier Reef is located in the Coral Sea and is roughly 1,616 miles long.

The Harbor of Rio de Janeiro is located on the east coast of Brazil. The harbor is in the Guanabara Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. This harbor was originally discovered in 1502 by Portuguese explorers. The harbor has many mountains around it, and the mountains create an entrance into the bay.

Mount Everest is part of the Himalayas and is the highest point of elevation in the world. The height is measured by the summit of the mountain above sea level. The summit of Mount Everest is 29,029 feet above sea level. In addition, the summit ridge marks the border between China and Nepal.

The Northern Lights, which are also called the “aurora borealis,” are observed in the night sky. The name “aurora borealis” comes from two different sources. Aurora is the name of the Roman goddess of the dawn. Boreas is the Greek name for north wind. The Northern Lights are natural light displays in the sky. These lights are typically above the Polar Regions. From further away, the lights can appear to be a greenish or reddish color.

The Paricutin Volcano is located in the Mexican state of Michoacan. This volcano is approximately 10,400 feet above sea level. It last erupted in 1952.

Victoria Falls is a spectacular waterfall system located on the Zambezi River in southern Africa. Victoria Falls is not the highest or the widest waterfall in the world, but some

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claim that it is the largest. It is said to be the largest because it forms the largest sheet of falling water in the world.

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Worksheet

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 - d. Portuguese explorers

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Fill In:

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5. The Grand Canyon is located in the northern part of _____.
6. The _____ also called the “aurora borealis,” are natural light displays in the sky.
7. The Harbor of Rio de Janeiro is located in the _____ and the Atlantic Ocean.

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LESSON SUMMARY:

This lesson introduces students to the Natural Seven Wonders of the World.

OBJECTIVES:

To be able to briefly describe what the Natural Seven Wonders of the World are.

To be able to identify where each of the Natural Seven Wonders of the World is located.

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL(S):

Grades 3 through 5.

SUBJECT AREA:

Social Studies.

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- f. First Bible
- g. 42-Line Bible
- h. All of the above

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- e. Paper
- f. Oil-based ink
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Fill In:

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6. The printing of the Gutenberg Bible started the "Age of the Printed Book," also known as the _____.

True or False:

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