

Educate Wild! Quotation Book Template

Many outdoor educators like to read a quote before meals or when students gather in the morning. This can be a nice keepsake for students after the course and can also help the students transfer what they learn in the field to their “everyday lives”.

Our sense of community and compassionate intelligence must be extended to all life forms, plants, animals, rocks, rivers, and human beings. This is the story of our past and it will be the story of our future. — *Terry Tempest Williams*

Landscape shapes culture — *Terry Tempest Williams*

An adventure is simply a well— planned trip gone awry. — *Anonymous*

We can try to kill all that is native, string it up by its hind legs for all to see, but spirit howls and wildness endures. — *Terry Tempest Williams*

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. — *Sam Ewing*

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in. — *Greek Proverb*

[I]f you know wilderness in the way that you know love, you would be unwilling to let it go. We are talking about the body of the beloved, not real estate.— *Terry Tempest Williams*

Social justice in this country means social surgery - carving some of the fat off the wide bottom of the American middle class. — *Edward Abbey*

You can discover more in an hour of play than you can in a lifetime of conversation — *Unknown*

One final paragraph of advice: Do not burn yourself out. Be as I am— a reluctant enthusiast... a part time crusader, a half— hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it is still there. So get out there and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, encounter the grizz, climb the mountains. Run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, that lovely, mysterious and awesome space. Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to your body, the body active and alive, and I promise you this much: I promise you this one sweet victory over our enemies, over those deskbound people with their hearts in a safe deposit box and their eyes hypnotized by desk calculators. I promise you this: you will outlive the bastards. — *Edward Abbey*

Must we always teach our children with books? Let them look at the mountains and the stars up above. Let them look at the beauty of the waters and the trees and flowers on earth. They will then begin to think, and to think is the beginning of a real education. — *David Polis*

Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever. — *Margaret Cho*

The frog does not drink up the pond in which it lives. — *Chinese Proverb*

I believe every woman should own at least one pair of red shoes. — *Terry Tempest Williams*

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What is the most important thing one learns in school? Self— esteem, support, and friendship. — *Terry Tempest Williams*

Story is the umbilical cord that connects us to the past, present, and future. Family. Story is a relationship between the teller and the listener, a responsibility. . . . Story is an affirmation of our ties to one another. — *Terry Tempest Williams*

History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are. — *David C. McCullough*

No harm's done to history by making it something someone would want to read. — *David C. McCullough*

We learn from history that we learn nothing from history. — *George Bernard Shaw*

People always seemed to know half of history, and to get it confused with the other half. — *Jane Haddam*

Our kinship with Earth must be maintained; otherwise, we will find ourselves trapped in the center of our own paved— over souls with no way out. — *Terry Tempest Williams*

One piece of log creates a small fire, adequate to warm you up, add just a few more pieces to blast an immense bonfire, large enough to warm up your entire circle of friends; needless to say that individuality counts but team work dynamites. — *Master Jin Kwon*

Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today. — *James Dean*

To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world. — *Brandi Snyder*

In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future. — *Alex Haley*

Patriotism ruins history. — *Goethe*

History is a race between education and catastrophe. — *H. G. Wells*

History is merely a list of surprises. It can only prepare us to be surprised yet again. — *Kurt Vonnegut*

The history of all times, and of today especially, teaches that ... women will be forgotten if they forget to think about themselves. — *Louise Otto*

To arrive at a just estimate of a renowned man's character one must judge it by the standards of his time, not ours. — *Mark Twain*

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. — *Maya Angelou*

One faces the future with one's past. — *Pearl S. Buck*

All history becomes subjective; in other words there is properly no history, only biography. — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation. — *Robert F. Kennedy*

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge -- myth is more potent than history -- dreams are more powerful than facts -- hope always triumphs over experience -- laughter is the cure for grief -- love is stronger than death. — *Robert Fulghum*

The Eyes of the Future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time. — *Terry Tempest Williams*

Life can be found only in the present moment. The past is gone, the future is not yet here, and if we do not go back to ourselves in the present moment, we cannot be in touch with life. — *Tich Nat Hahn*

I worshipped dead men for their strength, Forgetting I was strong. — *Vita Sackville-West*

One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say. — *Will Durant*

The most difficult problem in personal knowledge, whether of oneself or of others, is the problem of guessing when to think as a historian and when to think as an anthropologist. — *W. H. Auden*

You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?' — *George Bernard Shaw*

Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams. — *Ashley Smith*

Really great people make you feel that you, too, can become great. — *Mark Twain*

Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power. — *Unknown*

Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it — *Albert Einstein*

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life. — *Sandra Carey*

Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth. — *Oscar Wilde*

The truth is rarely pure and never simple. — *Oscar Wilde*

A man's errors are his portals of discovery. — *James Joyce*

The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson. — *Tom Bodett*

Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught. — *Oscar Wilde*

It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education. — *Albert Einstein*

The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action. — *Herbert Spencer*

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. — *Daniel J. Boorstin*

In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful. — *Alice Walker*

Reading about nature is fine, but if a person walks in the woods and listens carefully, he can learn more than what is in books, for they speak with the voice of God. — *George Washington Carver*

Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence. — *Hal Borland*

Whenever you're in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude. — *William James*

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations. — *Charles R. Swindoll*

Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can - there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did. — *Sarah Caldwell*

Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. — *Seneca*

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them. — *Orison Swett Marden*

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. — *Thomas Alva Edison*

Life's up and downs provide windows of opportunity to determine your values and goals - Think of using all obstacles as stepping stones to build the life you want. — *Marsha Sinetar*

Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose. — *Tom Krause*

Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing that we see too late the one that is open. — *Alexander Graham Bell*

If you only do what you know you can do - you never do very much. — *Tom Krause*

Music is what feelings sound like. — *Unknown*

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again tomorrow. — *Mary Anne Radmacher*

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary. — *Steve Jobs*

Anyone can give up, it's the easiest thing in the world to do. But to hold it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart, that's true strength. — *Unknown*

If you make friends with yourself you will never be alone. — *Maxwell Maltz*

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You have to do it yourself, no one else will do it for you. You must work out your own salvation. — *Charles E. Popplestone*

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. — *Steve Jobs*

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. — *Howard Thurman*

Society exists only as a mental concept; in the real world there are only individuals. — *Oscar Wilde*

Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their lives a mimicry, their passions a quotation. — *Oscar Wilde*

If I'm going to sing like someone else, then I don't need to sing at all. — *Billie Holiday*

Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers. — *Voltaire*

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. — *Margaret Mead*

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. — *Aristotle*

If you're not failing every now and again, it's a sign you're not doing anything very innovative. — *Woody Allen*

Innovation is the central issue in economic prosperity — *Michael Porter*

Innovation is the whim of an elite before it becomes a need of the public. — *Ludwig von Mises*

Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching. — *Unknown*

There can be no friendship without confidence; and no confidence, without integrity. — *Unknown*

It's not what we eat but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; and not what we profess but what we practice that gives us integrity. — *Francis Bacon, Sr.*

I had a stick of CareFree gum, but it didn't work. I felt pretty good while I was blowing that bubble, but as soon as the gum lost its flavor, I was back to pondering my mortality. — *Mitch Hedberg*

Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people. — *Spencer Johnson*

Learn to be quiet enough to hear the genuine within yourself so that you can hear it in others. — *Marian Wright Edelman*

The earth is what we all have in common. — *Wendell Barry*

I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty. — *George F. Burns*

Our environmental problems originate in the hubris of imagining ourselves as the central nervous system or the brain of nature. We're not the brain, we are a cancer on nature. — *Dave Foreman*

I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend? — *Robert Redford*

We're in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone's arguing over where they're going to sit. — *David Suzuki*

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody. — *Bill Cosby*

I remember when you couldn't even mention environmental issues without a snicker. But then in the 70's people got tired of seeing the Cuyahoga River catch on fire from all the chemicals. So one day millions of Americans marched. Politicians had no choice but to take notice. Twelve Congressmen were dubbed the Dirty Dozen, and soon after seven were kicked out of office. The floodgates were opened. We got the Clean Air Act, The Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water. We created the EPA. The quality of life improved because concerned citizens made their issues matter in elections. — *Senator John Kerry*

The way you can go to Paris or Beijing and everywhere there's a McDonald's hamburger, this is the ecological equivalent of franchised life— forms. Every place is the same place. Kudzu. Zebra Mussels. Water Hyacinths. Starlings. Burger Kings. The local natives, anything unique gets squeezed out. The only biodiversity we're going to have left is Coke versus Pepsi. We're landscaping the whole world one stupid mistake at a time. — *Chuck Palahniuk*

The more we exploit nature, the more our options are reduced, until we have only one: to fight for survival. — *Morris K. Udall*

Trying to save ecosystems has more to do with changing egosystems. — *Don Rittner*

Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. Not all holes, or games, are created equal. — *George F. Will*

When someone hands you a flyer, it's like they're saying here you throw this away. — *Mitch Hedberg*

I always remember an epitaph which is in the cemetery at Tombstone, Arizona. It says: "Here lies Jack Williams. He done his damnedest." I think that is the greatest epitaph a man can have. — *Harry S Truman*

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I have long been a proponent of a guest-worker program between the United States and Mexico, and in particular I have proposed that Arizona would be an ideal location for a pilot project. — *Janet Napolitano*

The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth. — *Dan Rather*

The wind whips through the canyons of the American Southwest, and there is no one to hear it but us - a reminder of the 40,000 generations of thinking men and women who preceded us, about whom we know almost nothing, upon whom our civilization is based. — *Dr. Carl Sagan*

Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms you would never see the true beauty of their carvings — *Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*

In a cavern, in a canyon, Excavating for a mine Dwelt a miner, Forty-niner, And his daughter, Clementine. — *Percy Montrose*

In fact, just about all the major natural attractions you find in the West- the Grand Canyon, the Badlands, the Goodlands, the Mediocrelands, the Rocky Mountains and Robert Redford- were caused by erosion. — *Dave Barry*

Climbing K2 or floating the Grand Canyon in an inner tube. There are some things one would rather have done than do. — *Edward Abbey*

Life is supposed to be a series of peaks and valleys. The secret is to keep the valleys from becoming grand Canyons. — *Bern Williams*

Myths that need clarification: No matter how many times you see the Grand canyon, you are still emotionally moved to tears. False. It depends on how many children the out-of-towners brought with them who kicked the back of your seat from Phoenix to Flagstaff and got their gum caught in your hair. — *Erma Bombeck*

To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer. — *Paul Ehrlich*

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Wearing a turtleneck is like being strangled by a really weak guy, all day. Wearing a backpack and a turtleneck is like a weak midget trying to bring you down. — *Mitch Hedberg*

What makes the desert beautiful is that somewhere it hides a well. — *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

Camping is nature's way of promoting the motel business. — *Dave Barry*

I got into an argument with a girlfriend inside of a tent. That's a bad place for an argument, because then I tried to walk out and slammed the flap. How are you supposed to express your anger in this situation? Zipper it up really quick? — *Mitch Hedberg*

Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men. — *Gifford Pinchot*

Conservation is humanity caring for the future. — *Nancy Newhall*

I'm sick of following my dreams. I'm just going to ask them where they're going and hook up with them later. — *Mitch Hedberg*

Nature abhors a hero. For one thing, he violates the law of conservation of energy. For another, how can it be the survival of the fittest when the fittest keeps putting himself in situations where he is most likely to be creamed? — *Solomon Short*

A hypocrite is the kind of politician who would cut down a redwood tree, then mount the stump and make a speech for conservation. — *Adlai E. Stevenson*

There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval. - *George Santayana*

Things do not change; we change. - *Henry David Thoreau*

As if you could kill time without injuring eternity. - Henry David Thoreau

Gardeners are key land managers. Our choices therefore lie not in whether but in how we manage the land. We would all agree that we must do it in an ecologically responsible way. – George Seddon

Everything is connected to everything else.

Everything must go somewhere.

Nature knows best.

There is no such thing as a free lunch.

If you don't put something in the ecology, it's not there."

- Barry Commoner's Five Laws of Ecology

This we know... the earth does not belong to man, man belongs to earth. All things are connected, like the blood, which connects one family. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life - he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself. - Chief Seattle

Everyone lives downstream from someone else. - Anonymous

Wildness can be a way of reassuring ourselves of our sanity as creatures, a part of the geography of hope. - Wallace Stenger

Unfortunately, our affluent society has also been an effluent society. - Hubert H. Humphrey

A garden is an awful responsibility. You never know what you may be aiding to grow in it. - Charles Dudley Warner

Not blind opposition to progress, but opposition to blind progress. - Anonymous

We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. - Aldo Leopold

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Nature is not a place to visit, it is home. - Gary Snyder

What is a weed? I have heard it said that there are sixty definitions. For me, a weed is a plant out of place. - Donald Culross Peattie

But a weed is simply a plant that wants to grow where people want something else. In blaming nature, people mistake the culprit. Weeds are people's idea, not nature's. - Anonymous

A weed is a plant that is not only in the wrong place, but intends to stay. - Sara Stein

Everyone has enough weeding to do in their own garden. - Flemish proverb

It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it. - Dan Quayle

We could have saved the Earth but we were too damned cheap. - Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we have been taught. - Baba Dioum

Modern society will find no solution to the ecological problem unless it takes a serious look at its lifestyle. - Pope John Paul II

Only after the last tree has been cut down. Only after the last river has been poisoned. Only after the last fish has been caught. Only then will you find that money cannot be eaten. - Cree Indian Prophecy

The frog does not drink up the pond in which it lives. - Chinese Proverb

Upon the rivers, which are tributary to the Mississippi, and also upon those which empty themselves into Lake Michigan, there are interminable forests of pine, sufficient to supply all the wants of the citizens ... for all time to come. - Ben C. Eastman

What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another. - Gandhi

Our bodies are molded rivers. - Novalis

In every glass of water we drink, some of the water has already passed through fishes, trees, bacteria, worms in the soil, and many other organisms, including people... Living systems cleanse water and make it fit, among other things, for human consumption. - Elliot A. Norse

Don't empty the water jar until the rain falls. - Philippine proverb

If there is magic on the planet, it is contained in the water. - Loren Eiseley

Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon. - Susan Ertz

In the Western United States, water flows uphill to money. - Glen Sanders

You could not step twice into the same rivers; for other waters are ever flowing on to you. - Heraclitus of Ephesus

Filthy water cannot be washed. - African proverb

Don't throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one holds water. - Swedish proverb

Passions are likened best to floods and streams: The shallow murmur, but the deep are dumb. - Sir Walter Raleigh

Before enlightenment - chop wood and carry water. After enlightenment - chop wood and carry water. - Zen saying

All feelings, both positive and unpleasant, come out of the same faucet. To turn down the faucet on pain is to slow the flow of pleasant feelings as well.
- Gay and Kathlyn Hendricks

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