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# Ansel Adams, Great American Photographer

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Do you like taking pictures? If you answered yes, you're not alone. Many people do.

One of the world's most famous photographers was a man named Ansel Adams. Ansel Adams was born in San Francisco in 1902. He was perhaps America's greatest photograph



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Adams had trained to be a pianist when he was young. However, his love for the outdoors and photography soon became more important. He loved climbing mountains. He was the first person to climb some of the peaks in the Sierra Nevada.

In 1932, Adams co-founded a photography group. It was called f/64. Here, he developed zone exposure. This method helped photographers get maximum tonal range with black and white film.

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As time went on Adams' photographs became famous. They presented awesome landscapes. They included Yosemite in California and the Grand Canyon of Arizona. Today, copies of his photos can be seen in many places. You may have seen some in National Park visitor centers. If not, you can find them in books or on the internet.

Some people criticized Adams for not including humans in most of his nature photos. They said his photography showed a wilderness that was disappearing. However, Adams' work led to the protection of many beautiful areas. One area was Kings Canyon. In 1940, it was made a National Park. Indeed, Ansel Adams believed people could and should

With the coming of World War II, Pearl Harbor had been attacked. Many people were taken from their homes and sent to camps.

This upset Adams. He was a conservationist. He wanted to protect the wilderness of California. The camps were for Japanese American citizens still living in the United States.

Ansel Adams received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980 for his work in conservation. In 1980, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

When he died in 1984 a beautiful area in California's Inyo National Forest was renamed the Ansel Adams Wilderness. A year later, an 11,760 foot peak in the Sierra Nevada was named Mount Ansel Adams.

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of a new subject. Pearl Harbor had been attacked. Many people were taken from their homes and sent to camps.

of the camps in California. Today, there is a national memorial for the people forced to live in these Japanese American camps.

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- 1) Illustrate how the idea of nature as an important resource of photography is introduced and elaborated in the text.

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- 2) How does the a humans?

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- 3) What is f/64? Mention the new method of photography that Adams developed.

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4) List out the things that continue to remind us of Ansel Adam's contributions.

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5) Compare and contrast the things you just read in the text.

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