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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

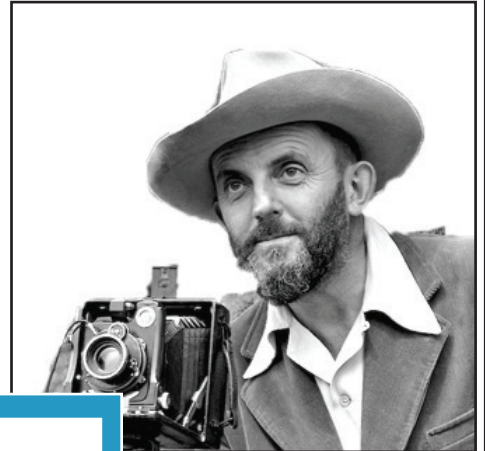
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Adams had trained to be a pianist when he was young. However, his love for the outdoors and photography soon became more important. He loved climbing mountains. He was the first person to climb some of the peaks in the Sierra Nevada.

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 live there. He wanted to protect the American citizens still living there.

Ansel Adams received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. 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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# Ansel Adams, Great American Photographer

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

**Ansel wanted to capture nature in his photographs. His main subjects were great outdoor landscapes. Later, inspired by the book about Sierra Nevada wilderness, Ansel visited the Yosemite National Park. Ansel's joining the Sierra Club, which protected the world's natural wonders is just another instance.**

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2) How does the author describe the impact of nature on humans?

**The author rejected the idea that nature was just a backdrop. He argued that nature protected many of our most important resources. Also, his portraits of the natural world depicted images that were both beautiful and terrifying.**

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**a) Copies of his photos of Yosemite in California and the Grand Canyon in Arizona can be seen in National Park Visitor Centers, in books and on the internet.**

**b) Kings Canyon was made a National Park, owing to the work of Adams.**

**c) The visitor's information centers at the Ansel Adams Wilderness Relocation site contain a display of his work.**

**d) The beautiful Ansel Adams Wilderness Relocation site has been renamed**

**'The Ansel Adams Wilderness Relocation site' in honor of the photographer. The site is named "Mount Ansel**

**Adams".**

**All of the above are ways in which the contributions of Ansel**

**Adams.**

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5) Compare and contrast the contributions of Ansel Adams with those of the photographers you just read in the text.

**Answers may vary.**

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