

Review: *Rock the Park* 102 “Glacier Bay: Whiter Thunder” and *Rock the Park* 103 “North Cascades: Life on the Edge”

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To Who It May Concern:

I have been a teacher in the public school system for five years and have worked with students between the ages of 13 -16. The Rock the Park Series is a show I would happily show to my students. They would be engaged and interested while watching. The series provides the audience with an opportunity to explore different national parks through the eyes of two adventurous guys. One of the reasons I think this would be a great show for the students to watch is that most of the students that I have seen in my five years in the public school do not have the ability to take a lot of trips. Sometimes they are worried about what they will eat that week or if their family will have enough money to make rent. Their families do not have the opportunity to take their kids on vacations or trips. I think this show would be great for them to watch because they can experience what these national parks consist of. They can see all of the different wildlife, like the eagles and whales.

In addition to the students getting to experience parks they would not likely to be able to go to, it would be good in the science classrooms. I taught eighth grade and the science in eighth grade is earth science. Watching the videos on the national parks gives them a chance to see more real life examples of how certain rock formations, like the glacier rocks, are formed. They discuss the formations of these rocks in class, but seeing it in real life would be an awesome way for the students to add on to what they learned in class.

Showing this to teenage students would be a great opportunity to show them the different national parks that they may never get to experience for themselves, as well as teach them about all of the cool things that make up or are in a national park. I would definitely show this program to my students. Thank you for the opportunity to watch and review Rock the Park.

Thank you,

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