<u>First post</u>: This is worth 9 points and is **due by midnight on Jun 4** (Friday).

Here are the items you need to read in order to post:

This map illustrates the percentage of federal land per state:

https://i.pinimg.com/736x/b0/7d/56/b07d56fde4d7bcd9b045b84a68634d78.jpg

This video presents a short history of federal land ownership:

https://www.newsy.com/videos/this-land-is-whose-land-a-history-of-federal-land-ownership/

This article ranks presidents in terms of how they designated national monuments:

https://www.businessinsider.com/us-presidents-who-preserved-most-public-lands-antiquities-act-2017-10

This article discusses the Utah legislature's objection to the Bear's Ear's designation:

https://www.deseret.com/2017/2/3/20605415/utah-legislature-votes-to-shed-bears-ears-monument-designation

This article discusses state attempts to reclaim federal lands:

https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2013/03/11/56103/state-efforts-to-reclaim-our-public-lands/

This article proposes reforming the way national monuments are designated:

https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-introduces-bill-to-reform-monument-designation-process

This article discusses the government shutdown effect on national parks:

https://www.newburyportnews.com/news/local_news/gestapo-tactics-meet-senior-citizens-at-yellowstone/article_bd36efd7-2593-50d8-b413-bfb888a40038.html

This article discusses a protest movement by people who use federal lands to make a living:

https://historyplex.com/summary-significance-of-sagebrush-rebellion

Here are my two favorite national parks (one is less than two hours from D.C.):

Shenandoah, VA: https://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm

Everglades, FL: https://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm

Here are my two favorite state parks (one is less than two hours from D.C.):

Point Lookout, MD: https://www.nps.gov/places/point-lookout-state-park.htm

Bahia Honda, FL: https://bahiahondapark.com/

1. Read the articles and describe an item that surprised, interested, pleased and/or made you upset and explain why this item made you feel this way.
2. The Utah legislature characterized Barrack Obama's designation of Bear's Ears as a "land grab." The Sierra Club characterized Donald Trump's *reversal* of this designation as a "land grab." These are opposite actions so they cannot both be right. Do both sides have a legitimate complaint? How could this conflict over the use of Bear's Ears have been avoided?
3. Some have recommended converting national parks into state parks. They believe that state governments would do a better job because they live near these locations and are more accountable to local residents. State parks are also unaffected by federal government shut-downs. What do you think about this seemingly radical notion? Can state governments to care for these lands as effectively as the federal government? Explain why or why not.

Second Post: This post is worth 3 points and is **due on by midnight on Jun 6** (Sunday).

Respond to a classmate using the suggested format for responding (Pick only one of these):

1) I like how ….. because…..

   or

2) I agree/disagree with…..because….

   or

3) This relates to…..because…..