

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Цілі: перевірити рівень умінь учнів з аудіювання.

Procedure

Listen to the text and do the task.

JOHN MUIR: AMERICAN NATURALIST

John Muir was an inventor, conservationist, explorer, naturalist, and teacher. He dedicated his life to preserving nature.

Born in Scotland on April 21, 1838, John was one of eight children. He started school when he was three years old. The Scottish countryside was the perfect playground for John. He watched birds, explored meadows and fields, and climbed the ruins of a nearby castle. His early love for hiking, climbing, and nature followed him throughout his life.

In 1849 John's father decided to move to America. He took John and his two younger children with him. The rest of the family arrived from Scotland nine months later. The Muirs settled in Wisconsin. Pioneer work was very hard for young John. Land had to be cleared, and logs had to be cut and split to make fences. Fields had to be plowed, planted, and harvested.

John continued to work on the family farm until he was 22 years old. He then packed his bags, moved to Madison and entered the University of Wisconsin. At the university John studied chemistry, biology, and geology. In the spring of 1864 John set out for Canada. He began a lifelong journey to explore and eventually protect parts of the North American wilderness.

On his first journey to California, John was amazed by the beauty he saw. The clear rivers, towering waterfalls, and great variety of plants and wildlife convinced him that California would be his home. While working for a shepherd, John realized that sheep's hooved feet damaged the delicate plant life.

From these experiences grew John's love of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. When he saw sheep destroy the wilderness, he became more dedicated to finding a way to save it. He became a famous writer on the Sierras. Through his writings and continuous work, Yosemite Valley was soon protected by the state of California.

He found so much destruction of the environment that he set out to save it. His efforts helped make Yosemite a national park in 1890. By 1892, he formed and became the first president of the Sierra Club. He was a respected consultant on conservation matters from then until 1914, when he died.

Choose the right answer.

1) John Muir was born in

a) America

b) Great Britain

c) England

2) He started school in

a) 1840

b) 1848

c) 1841

3) His family decided to move to America when he was

a) 11

b) 12

c) 13

4) In America John helped his family

a) at the farm

b) on the farm

c) at the plant

5) After university he started exploration of

a) California

b) the north of Canada

c) Nevada

6) He protected the wilderness from destroying by....

a) sheep

b) cows

c) elephants

OVERVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTRE

The International Sculpture Center (ISC) is in Hamilton, New Jersey. It started in 1960 under the capable hands of Elden Tefft. At that early time, ISC was at the University of Kansas. It is mainly a website and a magazine. The website launched in 1997. In 2010, the first international conference took place in London, England. In 2006, the ISC press opened with the publications of three books.

The Center is a non-profit organization which works with artists, journalists, architects, curators, patrons, historians, galleries and many other people interested in learning sculpture. ISC exists to give sculptor a supportive place to talk with other sculptors about their work, share their work and educate the public about sculpture and its value in today's world.

ISC offers conferences, publications and education to any that show an interest in sculpture. They publish Sculpture Magazine. The office is in Washington D.C. The website has a directory which allows members to search for an artist and see his works. Anyone can browse through and see their favorite sculptor. The website

lists all the sculptor's achievements and two photos of his favorite sculptures. Articles about the sculptors also appear on the website.

ISC has a number of membership levels: the basic membership, students and seniors, friend and patron. Memberships include Sculpture Magazine (10 issues) both the digital and print additions, The Insider Newsletter, discounts on registration fees and vendor sales and webpage featuring 2 photos and 2 pages of text concerning the sculptor and his work. The Magazine is about half the membership cost and digital edition only \$25.

Upcoming events include Chicago Conference entitled "Process, Patron, and Public" in October during the first weekend. This conference is for sculptors to share their ideas concerning how to involve the public more in contemporary sculpture. The Conference will take place at the Chicago Cultural Center and the School of the Art Institute in Chicago.

February 11-15, 2013 is a symposium in Auckland, New Zealand. The symposium features many trips to private studios including The Farm and Connells Bay Sculpture Park to view Alan Gibb's sculpture.

Besides all the discounts, ISC also has a store where members can buy books and products, like T-shirts at reduced costs. It also has back issues of Sculpture and a directory of sculpture parks and gardens. This directory lists sculpture parks all over the world and is an easy resource to use with or without a membership to the website.

True or False

- 1) The International Sculpture Center started in the middle of the twentieth century.
- 2) Some funds support this organization.
- 3) Anybody who wants to know more about sculpture may join this centre.

4) You can find all the necessary information about your favourite sculptor on the website as in the magazine.

5) No special privileges for members.

6) The main goal of the centre is sharing ideas.

7) Everybody can purchase products from the centre store at a lower price.

Key: 1 T, 2 F, 3 T, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T, 7 F.