

# Natural Wonders

**Quotations** "No one remembers who climbed Mount Everest the second time."  
- Edmund Hillary

"Fossil fuels and mining is a short-term gambit. If we develop those resources at the expense of the environmental gold mine that is the Great Barrier Reef, we will all lose in the long run."

- Philippe Cousteau, Jr.

- Questions**
- Mount Everest and The Great Barrier Reef are considered to be natural wonders. Can you name can others?
  - How would you define a natural wonder?
  - What natural wonders does your country have? Have you visited them?
  - Can Climate Change destroy these natural wonders?
  - How can tourism hurt the ecosystem of a natural wonder?
  - Can a river, a beach, a wetland or a volcano be a natural wonder?
  - What natural wonders would you most like to visit?
  - Can man made wonders be just as beautiful as natural wonders?
  - Could objects in space be considered as natural wonders?

**Presentation** You will meet a panel of experts from a UN agency (UNESCO) dedicated to protecting sites around the world which have a cultural or historical value. Select a natural wonder currently not on the list, prepare a presentation to persuade this panel to have it included.