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Damming the Grand Canyon Worksheet

In your own words define the following terms:

1. Absolute Space: _____

2. Relative Space: _____

3. Representative Space: _____

After reading about the dam controversy in *Wilderness and the American Mind* provide an example of each related to the controversy over the Grand Canyon dams:

4. Absolute Space: _____

5. Relative Space: _____

6. Representative Space: _____

7. The Sierra Club published an ad asking, “Should we also flood the Sistine Chapel so tourists can get nearer the ceiling?” This question asked the public to view the Grand Canyon as what kind of space? Explain your answer with specific detail from the reading.

8. Why were ads like these published by the Sierra Club effective at battling the proposed Grand Canyon dams?

9. After completing your primary source analysis of the Reclamation/Newlands Act of 1902 what was the purpose of the Act?

10. Do you believe the proposed dams fulfilled the purpose of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Reclamation/Newlands Act? Justify your answer.
