

# The John Muir Quiz

Now you have read this book try the **John Muir quiz**. Photocopy the following pages and then answer the questions. At the end, add up your results to see your similarities to John Muir.

Tick only **one box** next to each question against the suggestion that describes you best.

## 1. What is/are your favourite thing(s) to do at the weekend?

- a. Take part in arts and crafts / read a book / watch a film or TV show / write creatively / play an instrument or computer game
- b. Be somewhere outdoors
- c. Take photographs, draw, write or film the natural world
- d. Work on an invention or build something
- e. Go somewhere you have never been before
- f. Play sport
- g. None of the above
- h. All of the above

## 2. If you would like to follow in the footsteps of someone from this list, who would it be?

- a. David Attenborough and/or Ellie Harrison
- b. Banksy and/or J. K. Rowling
- c. Bear Grylls and/or Ellen MacArthur
- d. John Muir
- e. Steve Jobs and/or James Watt

- f. Chris Hoy and/or Jessica Ennis
- g. All of the above
- h. There is no one I admire on this list

**3. When going on a trip you are required to take an extra thing with you. What would it be? Choose from the following:**

- a. A box of tools
- b. A sketch book / writing journal
- c. A packet of wild flower seeds
- d. A piece of sports gear
- e. A pair of walking boots
- f. A map
- g. None of the above
- h. All of the above

**4. If you had to choose only one, which of the following would you prefer to do?**

- a. Embark on a walking route you have never been on before and/or camp out overnight
- b. Make something in a workshop surrounded by gadgets
- c. Enter a competition to create something that persuades others to look after nature or take part in a tree planting event
- d. Spend time in a garden/park or sitting under a favourite tree or somewhere looking out to sea
- e. Research ideas for a film and/or write the script or draw the storyboard and/or film a video

- f. Mountain climb or run/cycle along a coastal or inland route or kayak on the sea or river
- g. None of the above
- h. All of the above

**5. If you could only do one thing to make a difference to our natural world, what would it be?**

- a. Take part in a local park, beach or river litter clean up
- b. Create or adapt your own clothes, in a fashionable way, using recycled materials where possible
- c. Take part in conservation days by helping to collect details about ecosystems in different locations
- d. Set up or take part in an eco-school's committee
- e. Help to create or improve an eco-product (such as a film projector run by 'pedal power')
- f. Join in a sponsored sporting activity to raise money for a wildlife charity
- g. None of the above

**6. When John Muir was alive it was believed that as humans we were in control of the natural world. Today, do you think that as humans we are mainly:**

- a. Discoverers of the natural world
- b. Protectors of the natural world
- c. Part of the natural world
- d. Just observers who paint, draw, photograph or write about the natural world

- e. In control of the natural world
- f. Just wanting to play in the natural world (e.g. wind surfing or skiing)
- g. None of the above
- h. I think as humans we are all of the above in relation to the natural world today

# The John Muir Quiz Results

<p><b>Question 1</b>            a. = ↔,    b. = ↓,            c. = ↙,    d. = ↑,            e. = ↑,    f. = ←,            g. = ←,    h. = ↙.</p>	<p>My symbol for this question was: _____</p>
<p><b>Question 2</b>            a. = ↓,    b. = ↔,            c. = ↑,    d. = ↙,            e. = ↑,    f. = ←,            g. = ↙,    h. = ←.</p>	<p>My symbol for this question was: _____</p>
<p><b>Question 3</b>            a. = ↑,    b. = ↔,            c. = ↓,    d. = ←,            e. = ↓,    f. = ↑,            g. = ←,    h. = ↙.</p>	<p>My symbol for this question was: _____</p>
<p><b>Question 4</b>            a. = ↑,    b. = ↑,            c. = ↙,    d. = ↓,            e. = ↔,    f. = ←,            g. = ←,    h. = ↙.</p>	<p>My symbol for this question was: _____</p>
<p><b>Question 5</b>            a. = ↓,    b. = ↔,            c. = ↑,    d. = ↙,            e. = ↑,    f. = ←,            g. = ←.</p>	<p>My symbol for this question was: _____</p>
<p><b>Question 6</b>            a. = ↑,    b. = ↙,            c. = ↓,    d. = ↔,            e. = ↑,    f. = ←,            g. = ←,    h. = ↙.</p>	<p>My symbol for this question was: _____</p>
<p><b>Results</b></p>	<p>_____ was the symbol I got the most of.</p>



Your results show that you had mostly this symbol ↔ and this suggests **you like to be creative** like John Muir – he liked to write in his journal and record, through words and illustrations, the creatures, flowers and trees. If he were alive today he would no doubt get involved in taking photographs, creating music or filming scenes of the world around us, reading books and/or finding out things by using the computer – spending time indoors as well as outside. Does this sound like you?



Your results show that you had mostly this symbol † and this suggests **you like to invent things** like John Muir – he spent time creating inventions to help others. If he were alive today he would probably participate in creative workshops or get involved in scientific experiments or explore how to live in a more sustainable way. Does this sound like you?



Your results show that you had mostly this symbol ↔ and this suggests **you are quite sporty and you like to be active outdoors** doing things such as hiking, climbing mountains or trees like John Muir – he really enjoyed being out and about in the wilderness. If he were alive today, as well as hiking, he might well take part in activities such as kayaking, cycling, running or rock climbing too. Does this sound like you?



Your results show that you had mostly this symbol † and this suggests **you like to explore, you are a bit of an adventurer** and so was John Muir – he liked to go on expeditions immersing himself in the outdoors, exploring, camping, climbing mountains or trees and setting off along hiking trails as well as overseas travels. If he were alive today he would perhaps join in with wildlife exploration and conservation activity holidays too. Does all this sound like you?



Your results show that you had mostly this symbol ‡ and this suggests **you like to spend time outdoors** like John Muir – he really enjoyed being out and about in the natural world – in gardens, parks, farmland or hills and mountains, river or glacial valleys, woodlands or by the coast. He liked to enjoy the peace that being surrounded by nature gave him. Does this sound like you?



Your results show that you had mostly this symbol ↺ and this suggests **you are a polymath** like John Muir. A polymath is someone who is a little bit of everything! A creative, exploring, outdoor inventor who is concerned about looking out for nature and inspiring others to love and care for our natural environment, is this you too?

Your results show that you had mostly this symbol ↻ and this suggests that you do **not have many similarities to John Muir.**

# Pupil's Survey

Date you did the quiz: .....

Your school year: .....

Your score on the quiz: .....

Now I have read about John Muir, the activities I would like to get more/even more involved with are ones where I am:

- Inventing things
- Exploring things
- Discovering nature
- Looking out for nature
- Going on walks or joining in activities that take me into natural landscapes
- Finding out more about the environment and what I can do to help
- Sharing my discoveries through:
  - Writing
  - Art
  - Photography
  - Using technology (for example to create videos)

Thank you!



If you are the **class teacher**, please send us the results of this survey by one of three ways:

1. Collate your pupils' results and enter the summary in our online survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JMuir>

2. Collate your pupils' results below and send them to:

John Muir Project,  
Scottish Book Trust,  
Freepost NAT5876,  
Edinburgh EH1 0BR

3. Collect all your pupils' surveys and send them to:

John Muir Project,  
Scottish Book Trust,  
Freepost NAT5876,  
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### **Pupils' results summary**

Date your class did the quiz: .....

School name: .....

School postcode: .....

Average age of pupils taking part: .....

Looking at the results from the quiz, please let us know the number of pupils who were similar to John Muir in relation to:

- Creativity: .....
- Inventions: .....
- Enjoying the peace of the outdoors: .....
- Exploration, travel and adventures: .....

- Outdoor sporting activities: .....
- Were polymaths like John Muir: .....
- Pupils had no similarities to John Muir: .....

Please let us know the number of pupils who said they would like to get more involved in the following activities now that they have read about John Muir:

- Inventing things: .....
- Exploring things: .....
- Discovering nature: .....
- Looking out for nature: .....
- Going on walks or joining in activities that take them into natural landscapes: .....
- Finding out more about the environment and what they can do to help: .....
- Sharing their discoveries through:
  - Writing: .....
  - Photography: .....
  - Art: .....
  - Using technology: .....

Thank you!