

# Wilderness 2.0 Reflection Section Answer Guide

## Introduction

Think about a time that you have shared an experience with someone either verbally or through written, photographic, or online communication. Why did you share this experience? How do you think sharing this experience helped you? *This is an individual question and answers may vary.*

In your own words, describe what the scientists were interested in studying. *The scientists were interested in understanding whether online trip reports about experiences in wilderness areas were useful documents to examine to identify and understand an individual's value of wilderness areas.*

## Methods

Do you think using a case study of one trip report is a good way to describe the scientists' findings? Why or why not? *Using just one case study helps the scientists report general themes they found in the 322 reports. Using a case study makes reporting the results easier. Using just one case study, however, also means that a lot of details from the other 322 reports have been left out and some of those details may be important.*

The scientists met 12 times together when they were examining the trip reports. Why do you think these meetings were an important part of the research process? *The repetitive process of meeting together helped the scientists make sure that they were analyzing the data in a similar way. If they did not repeatedly meet to make sure everyone was analyzing the data the same way, the chances of inaccurately reporting their results would be increased.*

## Findings

After reading some of Amigo's trip report, do you think it contains useful information about Amigo's wilderness experience and how he values wilderness? Why or why not? *This is an individual question and answers will vary. However, students should use logic, reasoning, and evidence from the article to support their answer.*

Amigo's trip report included some information about the struggles they faced, such as altitude sickness, weather problems, being tired, and miscommunication with his friends and family. How do you think experiencing these struggles may have changed Amigo? What is one way you have learned to deal with struggles and challenges in your life? *This is an individual question and answers will vary. However, students should use logic, reasoning, and evidence from the article to support their answer.*

## Discussion

Why do you think it might be useful for scientists to use trip reports published on the Internet to learn information about how people value wilderness? *Trip reports published on the Internet are easy to access. These online reports also provide a lot of information. Students may have other ideas.*

What is one disadvantage of using trip reports published online to learn about how people value wilderness? *The scientists are getting information only from those individuals who write a trip report on the Internet. Many other people who explore wilderness areas do not write trip reports on the Internet, and their ideas and values may be different from those of the people who write trip reports on the Internet.*