

## INHUT Synthesis

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History

I think one of the most important things I learned about history is the importance of looking at things through different perspectives. I remember examining the accounts of different people on different sides for events in history, the Mountain Meadows Massacre, the Bear River Massacre, the Utah War, & polygamy to name a few. From these exercises, I learned how much different accounts of history can vary. I learned to look for the motives & agendas people may have had in writing their accounts. I learned that primary sources aren't always reliable & I learned that the clearest picture of history is often gained by comparing & examining numerous accounts. I think this is significant because it gives me the skills to look at historical events more accurately. It has taught me to be healthily skeptical ~~and~~ which I think is necessary to gain a more accurate view of what transpired in the past. Another thing I really liked learning about was the ancient people of this land. Learning about &

seeing petroglyphs & granaries of the  
Fremont & Ancestral Puebloan people  
was fascinating. I think it is  
important to remember who was in  
Utah before the "first explorers."  
Learning about the people & the way  
they lived without "civilization" was  
personally fascinating & awe-inspiring. I  
think has a people, that it's important  
to understand, learn from, & respect  
those who came before us.

### Biology

One thing I really liked learning about  
in biology is the way that animals  
& plants ~~are~~ fit into their world.  
The way they're perfectly adapted  
to do their job in their environment,  
& how they relate to the other organisms  
in their community. I think it's remarkable  
how specifically adapted everything is,  
& how well it all works together. I also  
felt like this took on personal significance  
for me because I kind of realized how  
easily humans can mess it all up. I  
think it's important to realize the  
impact you can have on the  
natural world, & that being aware  
is the first step in ~~to~~ minimizing the  
negative effects you have.

## Recreation Management

I really learned how much preparation & skill goes into safe recreation. I think this is important because it helped me be more aware of the risks associated with a lot of the things I like to do, which will hopefully help me to be more safe. I also really liked learning about the different viewpoints on how land should be used. It helped me look past my conservationist views to realize that there are a lot of good uses for land.

## Writing

I learned that writing your thoughts & feelings on a subject can help you understand it better. The simple act of trying to articulate your thoughts and experiences in a way that would make sense to someone else is a clarifying & enlightening process. I think it is important to understand that because I think it can help you learn & work through things happening in your life. I also learned that describing things literally is really hard. I hope to continue to work on this skill.

My relationship with myself, nature, & God  
I think being in a group like this  
is really beneficial for learning about  
yourself. Seeing where I fit in the  
group & how I compared with others  
helped me notice things about myself.  
I also think that different groups  
bring out different parts of my  
personality. In this group, I felt  
talkative & loud & excitable & self-assured.  
I learned that I react differently  
to different personalities, & that some  
kinds of people are easier for me to  
get along with than others. However,  
I really feel like I was able to look  
past some of the things that annoyed  
me about people & find things that I  
genuinely liked & admired.

I think I learned how to be  
more respectful & responsible in how  
I interact with nature. I learned  
how much of a negative I can  
have, & how to lessen that negative  
impact. My appreciation & admiration  
of nature has grown. I love being  
outside. I also learned how much  
variance in nature there is, even  
just in Utah. It's pretty  
remarkable.

I think I learned, even more,  
how much God looks out for us.  
The fact that we've all been safe  
this whole time is a testament to  
that. I feel like God is so present  
in nature. Among His creations, it  
is so easy to see both His power  
& His love. This experience has  
made me want to draw closer  
to Him.