

CHOICE BOARD

"THE VANISHING BEASTS" AND "RETURN OF THE BUFFALO"

Imagine that you work for a conservation group focused on raising public awareness about buffalo. Design a slideshow, a social media campaign, or a poster for the group that explains why buffalo are important and why they should be protected.

Note: This is the contest prompt that appears at the end of the articles.

Watch [The Path Back](#), a unique animated film from the World Wildlife Fund. The film features Jonny BearCub Stiffarm, who is featured in "Return of the Buffalo" as the narrator of the film. Afterward, discuss the following questions with a classmate:

What important messages does Stiffarm impart in the film? Which lines or images from the film stuck with you? Who do you think is the target audience for this film and what makes you think so?

Imagine you have the chance to write a letter to Jonny BearCub Stiffarm. What would you tell her? Here are some ideas: You could tell her why you think the Fort Peck Buffalo Program is important. You could share what the story of the buffalo's history and its return made you think about or what it made you question.

You could ask her about her community, her culture, buffalo, or anything else you wonder about.

Write a poem inspired by the buffalo's story using one of the titles below, or come up with your own title.

"The World Without Buffalo"

"Coming Home"

"Living Side By Side"

"Thundering Giants"

Incorporate words, phrases, lines, or quotes from the articles that you find particularly captivating, powerful, or interesting.