

STUDY GUIDE

● Bringing Back the Wolves

Complete the following sentences using the appropriate words from the textbook.

1. The gray wolf is a large _____ that preys on deer, elk, bison, and other mammals.
2. The gray wolf population began to _____ in the 1600s.
3. The prey populations of wolves decreased as European settlers moved into the wolves' _____.
4. As their food supply dwindled, wolves began to prey on the ranchers' _____ and sheep.
5. Wolves were killed by the ranchers and also by _____ looking for fur pelts.
6. Many states have designated the gray wolf an _____.
7. Wolf hunting is now _____ in many states.
8. Until 1995, Yellowstone National Park had been without a _____ for at least 70 years.
9. During this time, the _____ of bison and elk reached record numbers in Yellowstone National Park.
10. The presence of a predator would help keep elk, bison, and deer populations within the _____ of park lands.
11. In 1995, wildlife experts introduced 14 wolves into Yellowstone with the hope that they would _____ and repopulate the area.
12. Wildlife biologists are happy about restoring the park community to its original _____.
13. Ranchers in the region worry about losing their _____ to the wolves.
14. Those in favor of bringing wolves back to Yellowstone believe the move will bring more tourists into the park which will benefit the area's _____.
15. Hunters worry that the wolves will severely reduce _____ of elk and deer so that recreational hunting of those animals will be stopped.