

The following themes and questions apply to the documentary, "The Life of Maurice Goddard."

- **Values and Actions**

- What were Goddard's conservation values – was his point of view ethnocentric or biocentric? Who are other conservation leaders; what are their views?
- Where do our values come from? Where did Goddard's values come from? Where do yours come from?
- What is your point of view and why?
- Of what importance is learning and scholarship?
- Values and integrity in our schooling, work & personal lives –what does this mean and how do values impact our daily lives?
- Goddard found creative means to fund his vision of a park within 25 miles of every resident...such as projects 70 and 500 and the Oil and Gas Lease Fund. Think of an idea or goal that you have...what steps do you need to take to accomplish your goal?
- When asked, Goddard believed one of his most successful programs was to professionalize park and forest employment. Why was this important and what did it mean for the conservation of our resources?
- How do we influence others to become environmental stewards?
- How do we coexist with natural resources?

- **Government – Then v. Today**

- What position did Goddard hold in the government; what was his role?
- Who did Goddard work with to get things done? Who was his team? What was his philosophy on his role in the government, as an advocate for the environment?
- What controversial issues did Goddard work on? Why were they controversial? What similar issues do we have today? Do you agree or disagree with Goddard?
- Who has his position today? What role does that person play in the conservation of Pennsylvania's resources?
- Connecting to the larger world beyond Pennsylvania; beyond our backyards – why should we care about other places?
- How can we learn from the experiences of other states and localities?
- Networking: How can we learn from other professionals and advocates in the field?
- What national, regional and state organizations exist to advocate for protection of natural resources and how do they interconnect?
- Should environmental concerns be political or do they cross political lines?
- What influence did the Oil and Gas Lease Fund have on conservation? How is the Fund utilized today? What changes have occurred?
- What influence did natural disasters have on environmental laws? What influence did/does environmental law have on human health?
- What was occurring on a national level that may have enabled Goddard to accomplish his goals and/or set his vision?

- **State Parks and Forests– Goddard's Vision and Innovation**

- What was Goddard's vision for state parks and why?
- What were important dates in the development of state parks?
- Which state park is closest to you? What is its name? Where does its name come from?

- How many state parks are there today? How many have you visited?
 - How did Goddard influence forestry?
 - Why was outdoor recreation important then? Why is it important now?
 - What does a state look like without stewardship of its natural resources?
 - Why is it important to have access to natural resources and be able to have recreational facilities?
 - What are the commonwealth's natural resources?
 - Does history repeat itself when it comes to conservation of resources?
 - Would Goddard be able to achieve the same goals in today's time period? Why or why not?
- **Water Management**
 - What were Goddard's points of view on water management?
 - What were the two major floods during Goddard's time in his position?
 - Why is water management important?
 - What is the Tocks Island project? What are your points of view on this project—should the dam have been built? Why or why not?
 - How are we dealing with water quality issues today?
 - Conservation of water and clean water key to success of life in Pennsylvania –true or false. Provide reasoning for your answer.
 - Through river basins our lives are interconnected with many states and many diverse populations
 - Why is it important to monitor and protect waterways?
 - How did the formation of the River Basin Commissions influence national water management philosophy? What role do these commissions play in today's water management issues?
 - Have environmental ideas changed in the past 40 years? How?

Conservation

What other conservation leaders can you name? What role have they played in conservation history?