

Class discussion:

Was that a true story or a made up story?

- **Correct Answer: True Story – non-fiction**

How do you know that?

- **Answers will vary but may include that they have been on the Natchez Trace Parkway and visited the visitor center, researchers have learned about the past, people wrote about the past.**

How did the Natchez Trace start? What happened next?

- **Correct Answer: Animals used it - American Indians used it, European explorers used it, people who were trading and moving from one part of the country used it.**

Who “owns” the Natchez Trace Parkway?

- **Correct Answer: It belongs to everyone in our country.**

Who “takes care” of the Natchez Trace Parkway?

- **Correct Answer: Park Rangers and other people who work there have the job of taking care of the Natchez Trace Parkway but it is the responsibility of each citizen to make sure that the rangers are doing a good job. Citizens should also make sure they know the special rules that apply to the Natchez Trace Parkway so that they too can take care of this special place.**

Why are there special rules concerning the Natchez Trace Parkway?

- **Correct Answer: Because it is part of the National Park Service and the job of the National Park Service is to preserve and protect special places. They can only do that by having rules that protect the parks and everything in the parks.**

How are some ways that regular citizens can take care of the Natchez Trace Parkway?

- **Correct Answer: Enjoy hiking on the trails and tell other people about a good time enjoyed there. Do not pick flowers, not disturb the animals, obey the speed laws, learn about the Natchez Trace so that you know why it is a special and protected place. (other answers are acceptable)**

What do you think it would have been like to travel the Old Natchez Trace? Why?

- **Answers will vary. The teacher should make sure the students understand what would have been available for their use in various time periods.**