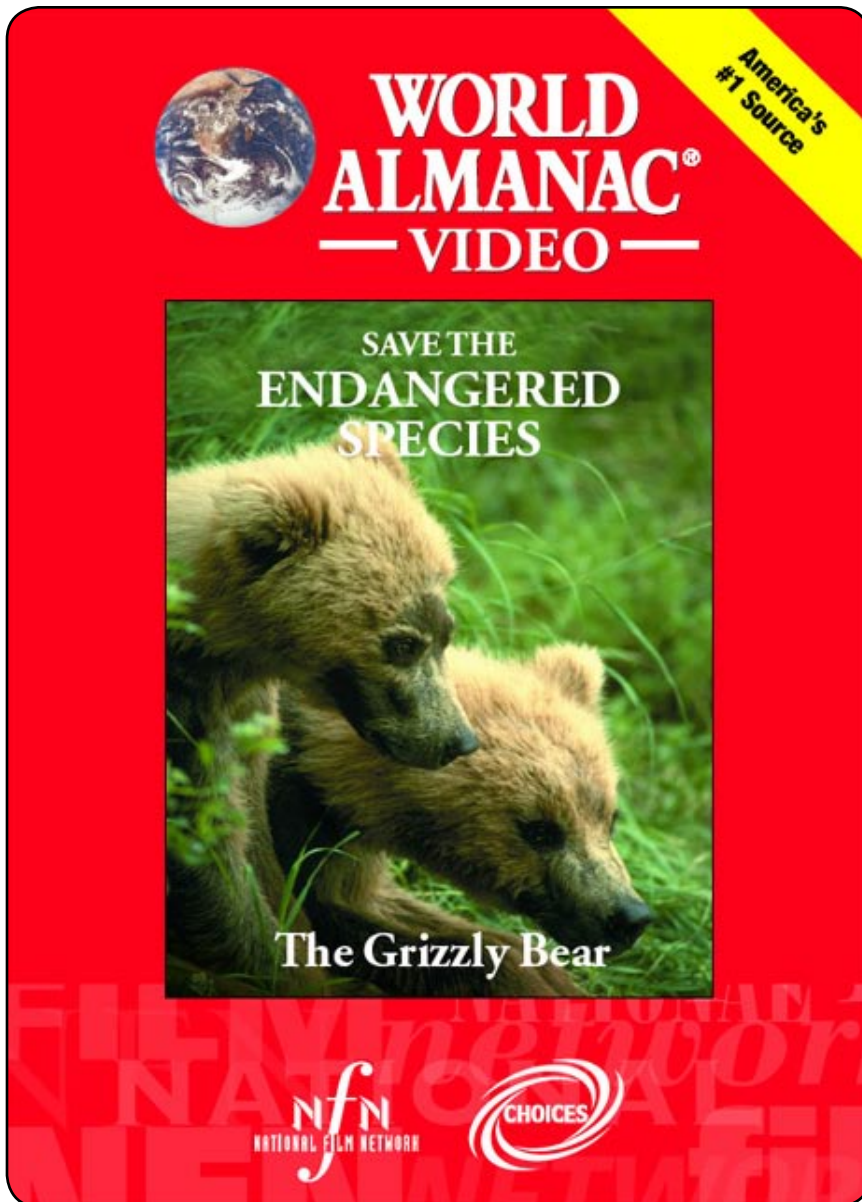


# Discussion Guide



It can outswim an Olympian, outrun a horse, and drag a thousand pound carcass for miles. Unfortunately, feared and labeled a “mankiller,” the Grizzly bear has become the target of man’s destructive nature. In this episode, biologists Dr. Lance Craighead and Dr. Charles Jonkel work in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to reintroduce the grizzly bear to the American Northwest.



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# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT / THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS

Note..

- *Although the Native Americans gave the grizzly bear such names as “elder brother,” the first white explorers to see the animal called it “terrible bear.”*  
Why do you think the two peoples looked at the animal so differently?  
What does this tell you about the differences in their cultures?
- *Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne denounced a plan for trying to reintroduce grizzly bears into his state, calling them “massive, flesh-eating carnivores.” Following his lead, in June 2001, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton decided to shelve grizzly bear recovery in central Idaho and western Montana.*  
Do you think a case can be made for their viewpoints?  
Is it too dangerous to mix grizzly and human populations?
- *The episode talks about the importance of preserving predators as part of the “food chain.”*  
How do such animals help keep nature in balance?

## OTHER RESOURCES

### For students:

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McNamee, Thomas: **The Grizzly Bear**; The Lyons Press, 1997.

Ward, Kennan: **Grizzlies in the Wild**; NorthWord Press, 1994.

## Internet

<http://www.katmaibears.com/ursusarctos.htm> – A nice site on the bears of Katmai National Park in Alaska. Has good information on the grizzlies, with some profiles of individual bears.

<http://endangered.fws.gov/i/A4I.html> – A useful page, with links to other sites, on the grizzly bear. From the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Web site on endangered species.

<http://www.grizzlybear.org/> – The Web site of the Craighead Environmental Research Institute.

<http://www.greatbear.org/aboutgbf.html> – The Web Site of Dr. Charles Jonkel’s Great Bear Foundation.

<http://www.owens-foundation.org/docs/selkirk2.htm> – An informative page on the Selkirk Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Recovery Project.

<http://www.nwf.org/grizzly/> – From the National Wildlife Federation, a good page on grizzly bears with useful news stories on conservation efforts.

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