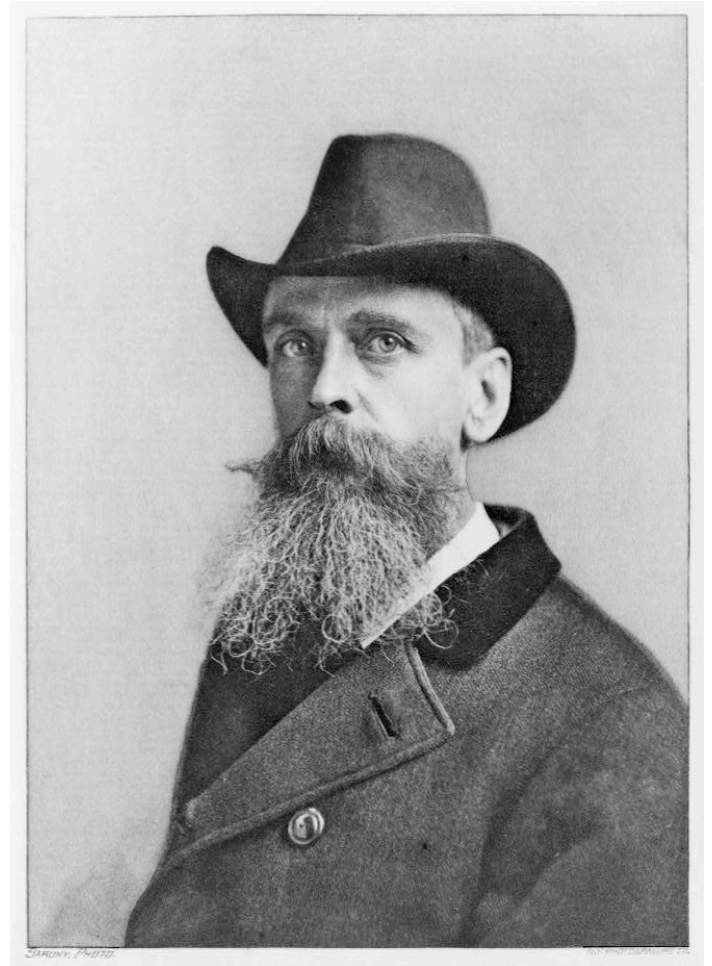


THOMAS MORAN BIOGRAPHY SUMMARY

- Born in 1837 in Bolton, Lancashire, England.
- His parents were both handloom weavers.
- The Industrial Revolution forced his parents out of work.
- His family moved to the USA, settling just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- At sixteen, he became a wood engraving apprentice.
- He began to paint and draw seriously and his skills grew as a watercolorist and illustrator.
- 1860, he traveled to Lake Superior, where he painted and sketched the landscapes of the Great Lakes.
- He traveled to London, where he worked for famed British landscape and marine painter, LMW Turner.
- It was then he was offered a private room at the Royal National Gallery in which to work.
- Upon returning to the USA, Moran traveled west to Yellowstone National Park in 1871.
- Due to the work of Moran, and his traveling companion William Henry Jackson, Congress was persuaded to set the land known as the “Yellowstone Territory” aside as a National Park.



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Two of Thomas Morans most famous works, “The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone,” and “The Chasm of the Colorado,” both were purchased by Congress to be displayed in the Capitol building in Washington DC.



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WSR STUDENT EXAMPLES:

