Source text

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Correct paraphrasing

Throughout the last century, Yosemite Valley has amazed all who have visited it. While native cultures considered it sacred, more recent civilisations are beginning to appreciate not only the beauty of Yosemite Valley, but also how special it truly is. The way Americans treat the land is also beginning to change, as political discourse shifts to include conservationist principles that consider humans' responsibility to nature.¹

¹ Harrick, "A Natural Setting," 43.

Incorrect (copied with no changes)

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Incorrect (borrows mostly from source text and no citation)

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because its beauty makes it an incomparable valley and one of the grandest of
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mind, perceptions about the Valley have evolved over time reflecting changing
politics, human migration patterns and the rise of environmental concerns as man
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