

The Way of the Dodo

WALT: answer questions about a text.

- 1) Look at the paragraph beginning: *For thousands of years...* 1 mark

What does the word *spat* suggest about how the island of Mauritius was formed?

- 2) *Curious and unafraid, the animals of Mauritius offered themselves up for slaughter...* (page 10) 1 mark

Why were the dodos *curious and unafraid*?

- 3) Find and copy **one** word from page 10 that tells you that some of the animals on Mauritius were only found there. 1 mark

- 4a) Give **two** reasons why Mauritius was a *paradise* for animals before humans arrived. 1 mark

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2. _____

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4b) Look at the paragraph beginning: *One of the victims...* to the bottom of page 10. 1 mark

Give **two** reasons why the dodo became extinct after humans arrived. 1 mark

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2. _____

5) Look at the paragraph beginning: *One of the victims...* 1 mark

What does the word *invaders* suggest about the humans arriving on Mauritius?

6) Why were artists' drawings from the time of the dodo not always accurate? 1 mark

7) *The mud flats would have formed a freshwater oasis in an otherwise **parched** environment.* 1 mark

Give the meaning of the word *parched* in this sentence.

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- 8) Look at the paragraph beginning: *Then, in 2005...* 1 mark

Find and copy one word or group of words that shows scientists were not sure what happened to most of the animals during the drought on Mauritius.

What does *rehabilitate the image* of the dodo mean?

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restore a painting of the dodo

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rebuild the reputation of the dodo

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repair a model of the dodo

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review accounts of the dodo

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1 mark

- 10) According to the text, how did the discovery of the dodos' bones help to change the image of the dodo? 1 mark

11)

Below are some summaries of different paragraphs from this text.

Number them 1 – 6 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

The first one has been done for you.

An important lesson is learnt.

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Reasons for the extinction of the dodo.

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Summary of the plight of the dodos.

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New information is discovered about the dodo.

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An explanation for the unreliable evidence.

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Humans arrived on Mauritius.

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1 mark