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Aleutians-Cradle of the Storms

Overview

The Aleutian Islands, between Alaska and Siberia, have earned the name “Cradle of the Storms” due to their wild weather. Students will view a two-part series about the Aleutian islands and answer questions related to the film.

Objective

Students will learn about the Aleutian Island chain in Alaska and answer questions to reinforce learning.

Preparation

Hand out student worksheets

Description

Play the video: Aleutians-Cradle of the Storms and have students answer the questions in the attached worksheet.

Resources

To order the video: Aleutians-Cradle of the Storms
<http://shop.wgbh.org/product/show/9479>

Credits

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Materials

- DVD “Cradle of the Storms” (See Resources section for details)
- TV or computer for showing the film
- Worksheets, 1 per student

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Aleutians-Cradle of the Storms Part 1

Watch the first half of the DVD (about 25 minutes). As you watch, listen for the statements below. Mark the statement T (true) or F (false). For false statements change a word or words to make it True.

1. ___ The island chain forms a boundary between the Pacific and the Bering Sea.
2. ___ The Aleutians are the birthplace of Northern Pacific storms.
3. ___ Don't complain about the weather because if spirits hear you, they can make it worse.
4. ___ Weather can be predicted here.
5. ___ There are about 50,000 people in the Aleutian Islands.
6. ___ There are about 500 volcanoes in the islands.
7. ___ The Aleutians were occupied by people who came from Hawaii. They called themselves the 'People of the Passes'.
8. ___ The mixing of the water causes upwelling of nutrients and lots of plankton grows.
9. ___ Scientists dig into middens, prehistoric garbage pits, to find out what the people ate and what that island was like 3000 years ago.
10. ___ Sod houses carved into the earth gave protection from cold.
11. ___ The Aleut culture has been thriving for over 9000 years.
12. ___ Plants are used for food and healing.
13. ___ The sea otter is important in keeping the ecosystem healthy.
14. ___ St. Peter and St. Paul were Russian ships. Bering was the captain. Stellar was a young scientist onboard ships.
15. ___ Stellar was a difficult person to get along with and named lots of animals, documented creatures for the first time.
16. ___ Stellar sea cows were abundant, huge, about 20-5 feet long. They ate kelp and had no teeth. Later they became extinct.
17. ___ The St. Peter was shipwrecked during a bad storm. Bering died, and Stellar became a leader because of his knowledge. He taught the sailors to eat green plants and sea cows. The sailors got healthier, fixed the boat and returned to Russia.

Watch the last part of the DVD (about 20 minutes). As you watch, listen for the statements below. Mark the statement T (true) or F (false). For false statements change a word or words to make it True.

1. ___ The Aleut population went from 20,000 to 2,000 in two generations because of the diseases the Russians brought to the islands.
2. ___ During the 1800's, Russians used the Aleuts to hunt for fur.
3. ___ Russian seamen married Aleut women and brought their religion. Russia began sending missionaries to the islands.
4. ___ A Russian priest learned the Aleut language, developed an alphabet, wrote Aleut customs and beliefs, and was accepted as a leader.
5. ___ He later became a saint. His work helped the Aleutians to preserve their culture and language.
6. ___ In the 1860's Russia wanted to get rid of the Aleutian Islands because England was taking over most of Canada. The US bought Alaska for 7.2 million dollars.
7. ___ The American were even more aggressive in hunting fur than the Russians and pushed the sea otters to the brink of extinction.
8. ___ In 1911 a treaty was written to protect the sea mammals and later the Aleutians became a national wildlife area.
9. ___ Under US rule, Russian and Aleut languages were outlawed, the children were sent away to boarding schools and were often cheated in fur sales.
10. ___ World War II almost wiped out the 9000 year old culture.

Discuss

How are the Aleutian and Hawaiian islands similar? Different?

How are the Aleutian and Hawaiian people and culture similar? Different?

How is the history of European invasion of the Aleutian and Hawaiian islands similar? Different?