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Surtsey - Birth of an Island (Deborah T. Sycamore)

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1. Why is Surtsey an appropriate name for this new island?

** detail specific references*
It was named Surtsey after Surtur a Norse god of fire in Icelandic mythology. It is an appropriate name because Surtur, the god of fire, relates to volcanoes.

2. Study the aerial view of the two major vents on Surtsey (page 4). What can you tell about the island from this viewpoint? (2-3 points)

Surtsey Island doesn't seem to have any vegetation growing on it. The surface is rough and bumpy. The island has steep cliffs. Not very wide in diameter

3. Use the back of this page to make accurate, detailed notes on how the new island was formed. Use categories and headings to organize your thinking.

4. How might the people of southern Iceland have been affected by the birth of this island in 1963? (2-3 points) People were affected by the birth of Surtsey because...

** detail*
→ It caused an awful smell.
→ It created smoke and ash so it's harder to see and breathe.
→ falling debris may have damaged homes or roads.
→ increasing tourism

5. Was this easy or hard to read? Explain your answer.

It was an easy article to read because it was quite straight forward and it was a topic that caught my interest.

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