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DISTRICT ASSESSMENT OF READING TEAM (DART)  
QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET

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

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Complete responses

- Why is Surtsey an appropriate name for this new island?  
Surtsey was named after Surtur, a Norse god of fire in Icelandic mythology.  
Since both the god and the volcano produce fire, Surtsey was an appropriate name for this island.
- 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)

From this aerial view of the two major vents on Surtsey, I can tell that the eruption must have been huge, because of the size of the craters.

It is also quite high, so the eruption must have been happening for a while

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

If people were allergic to ash, they would be sneezing a lot. The ash would have been overwhelming for some people, so they may have had to stay inside. Finally their homes might have been in danger because some of the lava bombs may have hit the city of Southern Iceland.

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

This passage was very easy to read. It was very descriptive, and very enjoyable as well. The way it was written just kept myself wanting to read, read, & read! I like these kind of readings, I found this very easy to read.

Rationale

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