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

GRADE  
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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?

Surtsey was named after Surtur, a Norse god  
of fire, ~~from~~ from Icelandic Mythology.

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)

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• That those two vents never erupted.  
• They became craters.  
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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)

- Great, one time experience  
- the volcanic ash showered their homes, - thick fog.

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

It was very easy for me to read because I'm an old  
reader and it just comes easy to me, it always  
has.

basic understanding  
vague responses

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