

Vanished! Vanished!

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Before you read this book:

1. Look at the contents and then the Chapter Snapshots. What do you expect to find out from reading this book?
2. Why do you think that the chapter snapshots have been included in the book?

Read The Mighty Mammoth:

3. Explain the difference between the Mammoth and an elephant.
4. How is it that we know so much about the Mammoth even though they have been extinct for about 10000 years?

Read Dead as a Dodo (chapter 3):

5. How did the Dodo get its name?
6. Explain how the Dodo became extinct in 200 years when it had lived in the same place for millions of years.

Read Passenger Pigeons:

7. Who was responsible for the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon and how did this occur?
8. Do you think what happened to the Passenger Pigeon could happen to a bird today? Why or why not?

Read Treasured Takahe (Chapter 5):

9. What is interesting about the Takahe?
10. Do you think that there could be other birds or animals thought to be extinct still living? Explain your answer.

Read Tiger Trauma:

11. What caused the extinction from the Australian mainland of the Tasmanian tiger?
12. How have zoos changed over the years?

Read A change of Attitude (Chapter 7):

13. Do you think that it would be a good idea to try and grow a real live Tasmanian tiger? Why or why not?
14. Explain how in recent year's peoples attitudes have changed toward endangered animals.

*Create a chart that explains how Humans have helped to cause the extinction of at least 4 animals from this book. Think carefully about how you can compare each animal.

*Make a poster to make people aware that many animals are becoming extinct.

*The Kiwi is New Zealand's national bird. It is feared that it may soon become extinct. What do you think can be done to help stop this from happening?