

Island of the Blue Dolphins

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Points: 7.0

1. Why did the Aleut people come to the Island of the Blue Dolphins?
 - a. To hunt sea otter
 - b. To hunt for whales
 - c. To capture the natives and sell them as slaves
 - d. To mine for gold and silver

2. Why did Karana jump off the ship that was taking her people away?
 - a. Her brother Ramo had accidentally been left behind.
 - b. She forgot her beautiful yucca skirt.
 - c. She wanted to stay on the island and live alone.
 - d. She became fearful of the men on the ship.

3. What happened to Ramo?
 - a. He was killed by wild dogs.
 - b. He drowned in the sea when he was trying to get the canoe.
 - c. He grew up to be a great warrior.
 - d. He swam out to the ship and left the island.

4. What caused the death of the old sea elephant?
 - a. A fight with a younger male
 - b. Karana s sharp spear
 - c. An attack by a pack of wild dogs
 - d. An unknown illness

5. Why did Karana decide to return to her island after attempting to leave?
 - a. Her canoe sprang a leak and she decided it was safer to return.
 - b. She got lost and paddled the canoe in circles.
 - c. She became lonely for her island home.
 - d. She decided that she should return in case the white men came back.

6. Why did Karana hesitate to make a weapon at first?
 - a. It was against the law of her tribe for women to make weapons.
 - b. She was afraid that she would become injured using a weapon.
 - c. She was afraid of hunting animals on the island.
 - d. She did needed steel for the tips of the arrows.

7. What did Karana name the wild dog that became her friend?
 - a. Rontu
 - b. Ramo
 - c. Tutok
 - d. Abalone

8. Who was Tutok?
 - a. An Aleut girl who became Karana's friend
 - b. The sea otter that Karana rescued from death
 - c. One of the birds that Karana healed and kept
 - d. Karana's sister

9. What natural disaster did Karana experience after many years on the island?
 - a. A tidal wave caused by an earthquake
 - b. A hurricane that wiped out all life on the island
 - c. A volcano that covered the island in ash
 - d. A fire that destroyed all plant life

10. What happened to Karana at the end?
 - a. She was rescued by white men after many years.
 - b. She died alone on the island.
 - c. She was killed by wild dogs.
 - d. She made a canoe and was able to paddle to another island.