

“A Strange Project—for a Botanical Gardens”

Read the article “A Strange Project—for A Botanical Gardens” by John Lamoureux (1961) and answer the questions below.

1. Carp were introduced to North America because
 - a) one carp could provide as much food as one sheep or goat.
 - b) breeding stock accidentally spilled into streams and lakes.
 - c) they are as ornamental as goldfish.
 - d) all of the above options are correct.

2. Carp have become a threat to North American wetlands because
 - a) they have a great reproductive ability.
 - b) they are not fished enough.
 - c) they destroy aquatic plants.
 - d) all of the above options are correct.

3. If Cootes Paradise Marsh was devoid of plants, which species also suffered?
 - a) Duckfood
 - b) Carp
 - c) Waterbirds
 - d) Rushes

4. Explain why the pound net system did not catch carp.

5. Why is the article titled “A Strange Project—for a Botanical Garden”?

6. Using information from the article, write a paragraph to persuade Royal Botanical Gardens to install a selective weir across the Desjardins Canal.