

Extinct Lions

English Effective Communication

PROCEDURE

Divide the class into pairs. Give each student a copy of either the A or B reading sheets. The students read the short articles silently by themselves and use a dictionary or consult the teacher if they don't understand a word or phrase. After the students have read and understood the articles, the teacher takes the articles away. Then student A will communicate what was in A's article to student B, and student B will communicate what was in B's article to A. Then all of the students take a test to see how much information they were able to communicate.

The Barbary Coast Lions

Perhaps, you have heard of the gladiator shows that happened in the Roman Coliseum. These were cruel shows where people were forced to fight each other or animals. One of the most famous shows was of people being fed to the lions. Up to 50,000 people came to watch people being fed to the lions.

Did you ever wonder where these lions came from? These lions came from the Barbary Coast of North Africa.

They had a very long mane.

Eurasian Cave Lions

When People think of lions, they think of Africa. But lions have lived all over the world, even Europe, Asia, and North and South America.

In fact, the oldest known lion lived in Europe and Asia. It is called the Eurasian cave lion. Some of the Eurasian cave lion's fossils are over 1 million years old.

We know a lot about how the Eurasian cave lion looked because our ancestors painted many pictures of them in caves. These cave drawings

(The lion's mane is the hairy part around its head). And the most unusual thing about the lion's mane was that it was blonde around the face.

Another difference between Barbary lions is that Barbary lions had gray eyes whereas the African lion's eyes are brown.

The Barbary lions are almost extinct. The last wild lion was shot in Morocco in 1922. However, in 1997 some Barbary lions were found living in a zoo. Scientists would like to breed these lions.

have been found all over Europe and Asia.

Another lion that is now extinct is the American lion. The American lion came from Siberia and crossed over to Alaska. From Alaska it lived as far south as Peru in South America.

Both the Eurasian cave lion and the American lion went extinct about 10,000 years ago. They probably went extinct because of competition from humans. Humans hunted the lion's prey and sometimes hunted the lions as well.

Barbary Coast Lions

What lion does the article talk about?

Where did the gladiator shows happen?

What was one of the most famous shows?

How many people could watch the shows?

Where do the lions come from?

Was their mane long or short?

How were their eyes different from African lions?

Eurasian Cave Lions

Where do lions live these days?

Where have lions lived in the past?

What two lions does this article talk about?

What is the oldest known lion?

How old are some of its fossils?

How do we know what they looked like?

Where did American lions come from?

How were their bodies different?

When was the last wild lion shot?

Where were some Barbary Coast lions found?

What do scientists want to do with them?

How far south did they live?

When did both lions become extinct?

Why did they become extinct?