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Word Preview

Directions: Read the sentences below from the article "Frozen Dreams," then write what you think each word in bold means, based on context. We've provided a few hints for you. The words are in the order in which they appear in the article.

1. **frigid:** "The **frigid** water hit his skin like millions of needles." (*Hint: What temperature would the water be in the Arctic, the area near the North Pole?*)

I think this word means _____

2. **expedition:** "Peary was preparing for a Navy **expedition** to map a jungle in Central America." (*Hint: Think about what kind of trip you'd be taking if your job was to make a map of an area.*)

I think this word means _____

3. **capable:** "Impressed by Henson's experience at sea, Peary offered him the job. Of course, Henson was **capable** of far more."

I think this word means _____

4. **ambitions:** "As Henson would discover, Peary was a man of fierce **ambitions**. . . . And Peary had big dreams."

I think this word means _____

5. **embittered:** "No matter what Henson did, Peary would never see past the color of Henson's skin to treat him as an equal. Surely Henson was **embittered** by this injustice."

I think this word means _____

6. **blubber:** "They wasted not a single scrap of an animal. They ate the meat and **blubber** and often drank the blood."

I think this word means _____

7. **sole:** "But when they returned to America, it was Peary who got **sole** credit for 'discovering' the North Pole."

I think this word means _____