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Think About It!

Close-Reading Questions: Read the articles "The Snake That's Eating Florida" and "Tracking Pythons." Then go back and reread sections of the texts to answer the questions below. We've started the first answer for you.

1. In the first section of the article "The Snake That's Eating Florida," what interrupted the calm morning in the Everglades? What problem did it make people around the world aware of?

The calm morning was interrupted by

2. Why did Burmese pythons become popular pets in America? Why did people later regret buying this snake as a pet?

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3. Look at the "Invaders" sidebar. What problems have these invasive species caused?

4. How is the way the Indian mongoose became an invasive species different from the way the Burmese python became an invasive species?

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5. How do the snake scientists in "Tracking Pythons" feel about the pythons they are working with?

Critical-Thinking Question (a big question about both stories):

6. What is being done to control the population of Burmese pythons in the Everglades? Use evidence from both articles to support your answer.
