

Mount St. Helens— A Story of Succession Questions

1. Did any plants survive the eruption? If so, how did they survive?
2. What is the name for plants that survive a major disturbance? What was their role in regenerating the disturbed area?
3. How was the prairie lupine important to the growth of plants on the barren land found after the eruption?
4. What roles did factors such as wind, moisture, and landforms play in succession after the eruption?
5. What roles did factors such as plant and animal interactions play in succession after the eruption?
6. According to your reading of the story, what do you think a “colonizer” is?
7. How has the red alder tree influenced succession?
8. What do you predict will happen in the blast zone over time?
9. What might change your prediction?