

Oral Histories: Dead Lady Lake *Handout*

Introduction

A watershed (also called a drainage basin) is an area on the land surface from which water flows, or has the potential to flow, into a stream or lake. Watersheds are naturally separated from adjacent basins by **topographic** divides. Therefore, watersheds can cross **political** boundaries such as county lines. For instance, some of the water from Hillsborough County flows into Pinellas County. In this lesson we will be reading about a lake from the Brooker Creek Watershed in Hillsborough County since water from this watershed ultimately flows into areas of northern Pinellas County and Lake Tarpon.

Instructions

Go to www.Hillsborough.WaterAtlas.org and type "Dead Lady Lake" in the search box, located in the upper right of the web page. Go to the History and Recreation tab and read the oral history. Answer the following questions by circling the correct answer/giving a short response.

DEAD LADY LAKE

1. Mr. Dan Duerr moved from Half Moon lake to Dead Lady Lake because _____.
 - a. the lake was too polluted.
 - b. a large expressway was built nearby.
 - c. he didn't like his house.
 - d. the lake has been over fished.
2. Dan believes there will be less development on this lake because it is too small for _____.
 - a. wildlife
 - b. canoeing
 - c. water skiing
 - d. fishing
3. The author's primary purpose for writing this article is to _____.
 - a. persuade the reader to join in efforts to restore the lake.
 - b. inform the reader of the current status of the lake.
 - c. Record the Brown family's story of living on the lake.
 - d. convince the reader to move to the lake.
4. Explain why Dan is unhappy with the new roads and expressways being built, despite their usefulness. Use words and phrases from the article to support your answer.

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