

# Social Studies Study Guide

## Wild and Woolly Mammoth Reading/Social Studies Questions

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1. If you were looking at a woolly mammoth, describe what it looks like.

Answer: Woolly Mammoths have curved tusks, long hairy trunk, woolly fur, and bones were covered with tough skin.

★ 2. What protected the woolly mammoth from the climate during the ice age?

Answer: Their heavy coat of hair protected them.

3. What did the woolly mammoth not eat?

- a. pine cones
- b. grasses
- c. fish
- d. flowers

4. What was the woolly mammoth's worst enemy?

- a. saber-toothed cat
- b. bird
- c. bear
- d. man

★ 5. How do we know so much about the woolly mammoth?

Answer: Scientists found a woolly mammoth and started to study it.  
(Archeologists: scientists who study the past people and cultures)

6. Stone Age people hunted woolly mammoths by doing all of these except \_.

- a. wooden or stone spears
- b. set fires around them
- c. force them down cliffs
- d. shoot at them

7. Why did the mammoths move so often?

- a. didn't like where they were
- b. followed other herds
- c. *looking for food and water*
- d. liked walking around



8. What is one way that cave dwellers used the woolly mammoth's bones?

Answer: They were used to make weapons, shelters, and musical instruments.



9. What is one way that cave dwellers used the woolly mammoth's hide?

Answer: They were used to make door flaps.



10. What is one way that cave dwellers used the fat of the woolly mammoth?

Answer: They used the fat to make food and medicine.



11. Why was the woolly mammoth a prized catch?

Answer: It could feed the people for a long time. It could be used for many different things.



12. Why do we not still have woolly mammoths today?

Answer: They are extinct. Cave Dwellers hunted them down.

## Vocabulary

Glacier: Large sheets of ice

Theory: possible explanation

Ice Age: time period with extremely cold weather

Beringia: land bridge that connected Asia and North America