



Lascaux Cave Worksheet

Name: _____

Questions:

1. When was this cave discovered and by whom?
2. Approximately how deep (in meters) is the cave?
3. What subject matter do you see drawn and painted on the walls?
4. Why do you think the early artists chose to depict animals in their drawings/paintings?
5. What types of lines, shapes, symbols, and colors do you see?
6. Approximately how old are the drawings/paintings in this cave?
7. When were the first signs of deterioration in these paintings noticed?
8. What caused this deterioration to occur?
9. What system was put in place to combat this deterioration?
10. What led the French government to decide to close the cave to the public in 1963?