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Close-Reading Questions

"The Great Bird Poop Disaster"

1. Reread the first three paragraphs of the article. Why might author Anna Starecheski wait until the third paragraph to reveal that “the cause was bird poop”? (author’s craft)
2. What is the main purpose of the section “Danger”? (text structure)
3. On page 18, Starecheski explains that birds like pigeons and starlings thrive in cities. What evidence does she provide to support this idea? (key ideas and supporting details)

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4. On page 18, Starecheski writes, "As a result, the birds have reproduced to the point of overpopulation." Based on context clues, what does *overpopulation* mean?
(vocabulary in context)
5. According to the section "Too Many Birds," birds have plenty to eat in cities because of the availability of garbage and because people feed them. How does birds having plenty to eat in cities contribute to the problem of bird poop in cities? (key ideas and details)
6. What do the photo and caption on page 18 add to the article? (text features)

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"The Great Bird Poop Disaster" and "How to Solve the Problem of Bird Poop"

1. Why might New York City have decided to release hawks in one of its parks? (synthesis)

