

California Condors and Lead Poisoning



Identify the PROBLEM:

What are the CAUSES?:

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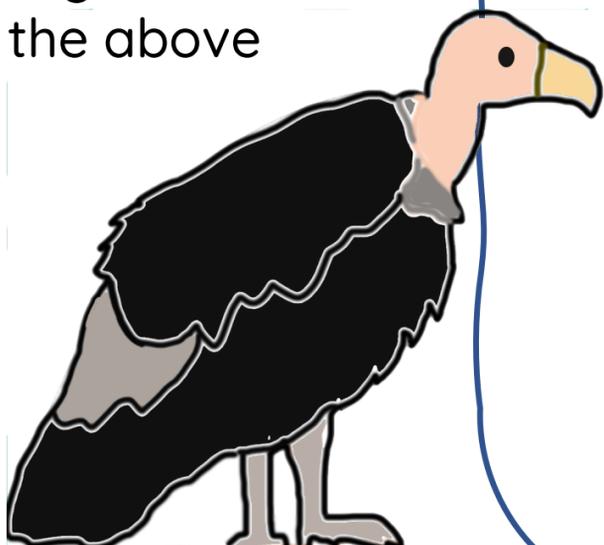
In the early 1980s, there were only ____ California Condors left in the wild. _____ is a naturally occurring metal found in many household items, including paint and pipes. It was also very commonly used by hunters in _____.

When a condor eats an animal that has been killed by a lead bullet, it can become _____ and die.

Through intensive conservation efforts, there are now more than _____ California Condors in the wild today.

Why do hunters use lead bullets?

- Cheaper
- Widely available
- They don't think they are dangerous
- All of the above



Draw an example of how hunters are beneficial to the California Condor.



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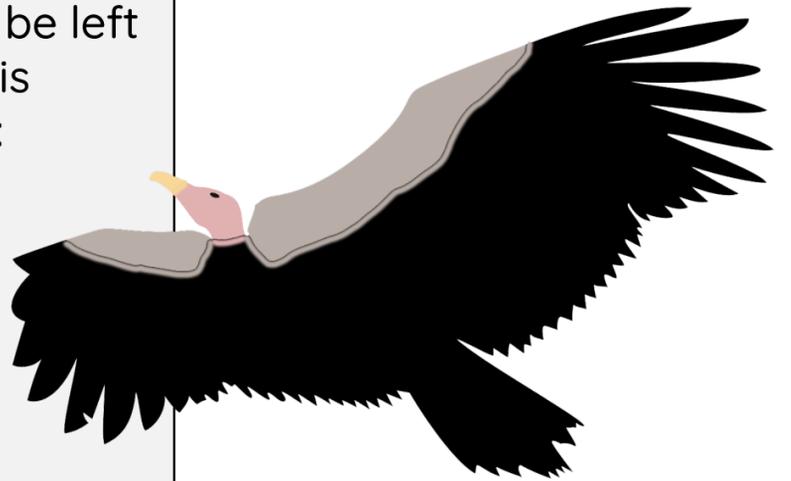


If the California Condor went extinct, what would be the effect on their ecosystem?

Should the California Condor be saved? Or should they be left to “die with dignity” in the wild? Check which side of this debate you stand on, and explain your reasons below:

SAVE THE CONDOR!

LET THEM DIE WITH DIGNITY!



What positive SOLUTIONS can you think of to help with the recovery of the California Condor?

1.

2.

3.

Think like a scientist...

