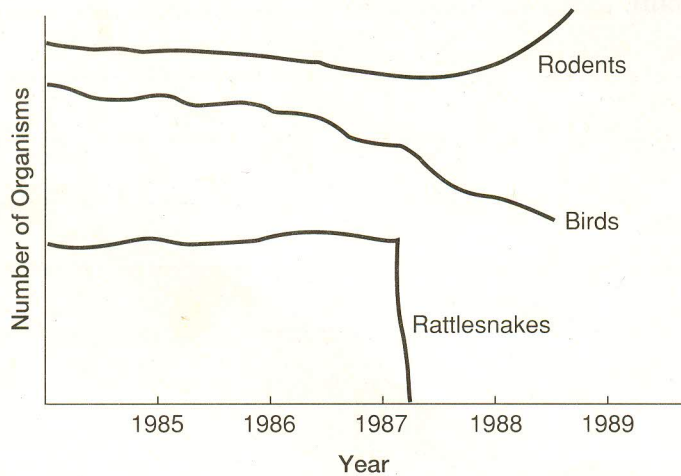


Activity

Interactions Among Living Things

Analyzing Relationships Among Organisms

In 1987, a community decided to get rid of a population of rattlesnakes. Examine the accompanying graph, then answer the questions.



1. Did the bird population benefit from the elimination of the rattlesnakes? Support your answer. _____

2. Did the rodent population benefit from the elimination of the rattlesnakes? Support your answer. _____

3. What was the main source of food for the rattlesnakes? _____

4. Why did the bird population begin decreasing the year after the rattlesnakes were eliminated? _____

5. If a population of rattlesnakes existed in your community, would you support their elimination? Explain. _____
