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Thor's Well

Sometimes called the Drainpipe of the Pacific, Thor's Well is a natural wonder located on the coastal town of Yachats, Oregon. The "well" is named after Thor, the Norse God of thunder and lightning. At first glance, the well appears a giant, deep sinkhole with water from the Pacific Ocean pouring into its seemingly bottomless depths. Despite its appearance, however, Thor's Well, is little more than a twenty-foot hole from a collapsed sea cave in a large rock that juts out into the ocean. The scene at Thor's Well is particularly dramatic during storms or high tide when waves crash over the rock and pour down the hole. The raging scene provides a breathtaking scene for photographers hoping to capture the beauty and power of the giant hole. Although incredible to view, Thor's Well can also be dangerous, especially during high tides, where the unpredictable and powerful waves can sweep unsuspecting visitors into the hole.

Thor's Well is part of a larger area known as Cape Perpetua. Hiking the nearby coast affords the opportunity to view geysers, chasms and other unique formations.

1.) What is the author suggesting in the following sentence:

At first glance, the well appears a giant, deep sinkhole with water from the Pacific Ocean pouring into its seemingly bottomless depths.

- a.) The "well" isn't what it appears
- b.) The well is bottomless
- c.) The well is dangerous
- d.) The well doesn't really exist

2.) Which of the following DOES NOT describe Thor's Well?

- a.) Dramatic
- b.) Powerful
- c.) Predictable
- d.) Spectacular

3.) Which question is NOT answered in the passage?

- a.) What other formations can be viewed near Thor's Well?
- b.) What is Thor's Well named for?
- c.) How deep is Thor's Well
- d.) When was Thor's Well formed?

4.) What word could replace "affords" in the following sentence:

Thor's Well is part of a larger area known as Cape Perpetua. Hiking the nearby coast **affords** the opportunity to view geysers, chasms and other unique formations.

- a.) Refuses
- b.) Offers
- c.) Enjoys
- d.) Disables

5.) Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the text?

- a.) Thor's Well is more dangerous at high tide
- b.) Thor's Well offers great opportunities for photographers
- c.) Visitors are often swept into Thor's Well
- d.) There are other unique places to see near Thor's Well