



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

## Rachel Carson



Did you know one brave scientist helped us understand how to protect our planet? Rachel Carson was a marine biologist who loved the ocean and all its creatures.

Rachel was born in Pennsylvania in 1907. From a young age, she spent hours exploring the woods and streams near her home, developing a deep love for nature. She also loved to write stories, combining her two passions.

Her most famous book, *\*Silent Spring\**, was published in 1962. In it, Rachel warned people about the dangers of certain chemicals called pesticides, which were harming birds and other wildlife. She explained how these chemicals could travel through the environment, affecting everything from insects to humans. Her careful research showed how important it was to be careful with nature.

Many companies that made pesticides did not like Rachel's book and tried to stop her. They said her ideas were wrong, but she bravely stood by her scientific findings. Rachel believed it was her duty to share the truth with the world.

Today, Rachel Carson is remembered as a hero of the environmental movement. Her work led to new laws that protect our air and water, helping us keep our planet healthy for future generations. She taught us to listen to nature.



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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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**(1) Where did Rachel Carson spend hours exploring as a child?**

- A The woods and streams     B The city library     C Her school playground
- D A big science lab

**(2) Rachel Carson's most famous book, published in 1962, was called \_\_\_\_\_.**

*— continue writing on the lines below*

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**(3) In the passage, what does the word "pesticides" mean?**

- A Chemicals that harm birds and wildlife     B Tools used by farmers
- C Special types of plants     D Machines for cleaning water

**(4) Why do you think Rachel Carson continued to share her scientific findings even when companies tried to stop her? Use details from the passage.**

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**(5) How has Rachel Carson's work changed the world, and what can we learn from her life?**

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