Name: **The Day They Parachuted Cats Over Borneo**

**Read the follow excerpt and answer the questions that follow:**

1. How does the story of Borneo exemplify the idea of ecosystems and the interaction of organisms (specifically the importance of all organisms in that ecosystem?)
2. How does the story exemplify how humans (in our attempt to fix one thing), cause unforeseeable problems in the ecosystems?
3. Explain how a toxin in a food web will harm some while killing others – why did the mosquito and cars die while other things lived? (hint: research bioaccumulation and biomagnification).
4. Explain why you think DDT has been banned in the U.S. but is still in production and used in countries all over the world.
5. If DDT is still being used around the world, but not in the U.S. – are we still exposed to it? Discuss your answer.
6. Do you think scientists should have sprayed the island with DDT? If not, what should they have done about the Malaria issue?