

Grade 5 Exemplar

Prompt: Describe the effects of the spill on the penguins and the rescue efforts that followed. Support your piece with information from all three sources.

There were many effects of the oil spill on the penguins, and a rescue effort that followed. Some of the effects were that the dangerous oil got all over the birds and could make them sick. Even moving through the water became difficult because the penguins would wobble and roll in the oil from the spill. These birds must not have been able to catch their food in the water or take baths to get clean now. When the rescuers came, the penguins scratched, bit and attacked the people. The rescuers tried to clean and feed them, even though there was a repulsive smell in the warehouse from penguin droppings, dead fish, and sweat. The rescue was such tough work but not one gave up because of how much they cared about the threatened penguins. Overall, this story shows the effects of the oil spill and the difficulties in the rescue. It also shows how much everyone cared.

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Oil spills are very bad for penguins and have many bad effects. The oil hurt the penguins because the articles say a effect was burning their eyes. The articles and the video show us what the environment looked like before the spill and how the environment was very natural, rocky, and full of fish. Pictures in the video also show the effects of the spill like pictures of the penguins with the black oil on their bodies and how miserable and sad they look. The video also tells us how the rescue efforts worked: "They must restrain the penguin, pry its beak open, and shove the fish down its throat." The articles and video did not talk about how the spill happened and how it could be prevented.