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## Disappearing Islands Worksheet

1. Before you view a map of the Chesapeake Bay, predict where you think islands that might be disappearing would be located. Use your knowledge of Maryland geography to help you make your prediction. Would they be in the northern part of the Chesapeake Bay? The southern part?

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2. Explain why you made this prediction.

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3. Would the census data explain if the islands were disappearing? Why or why not?

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4. What other sources of information could help us find out whether the islands are disappearing?

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5. Maps from different years can show us whether or not the boundaries of the islands have changed over time. Working with a partner, examine maps of Talbot and Somerset counties from two time periods: 1895 and today. Can you locate the islands on these maps? How have the areas changed over time? Are there fewer or more places on the map from today? Do the boundaries look the same or different? Can you find the islands on both maps? Do they look larger or smaller?

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6. Notes from your reading to help you answer the question -- Is the way of life of the people that live on these islands also disappearing?

<b>Reading</b>	<b>Island of Somerset County</b>	<b>Buried Treasure</b>	<b>Mrs. Kitching, the Grand Lady of Smith Island</b>
Main Idea of the passage			
Is the way of life of the people on this island disappearing?			
Reasons for your answer.			

7. What do you think? Has Poplar Island disappeared? What is being lost there? What is being saved? Explain your answer.

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8. Is Tilghman Island disappearing? What is being lost there? What is being saved? Explain your answer.

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9. Did Sharps Island disappear? What is being lost there? What is being saved? Explain your answer.

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10. Is Smith Island disappearing? What is being lost there? What is being saved? Explain your answer.

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11. Make a list of some of the causes and consequences for these changes on the islands:

<b>Situation faced by the people on the island</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Consequence</b>
Island:		
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12. What do you think? Is Maryland really disappearing? After you have read through the information about the islands, you are ready to finally answer this question. Write your answer to the question for each island. Then, skim through the readings again to find details that support your opinion.

**Poplar Island**

What I Think:
Reasons to support my opinion:

### **Tilghman Island**

What I think:

Reasons to support my opinion:

### **Sharp's Island**

What I think:

Reasons to support my opinion:

### **Smith Island**

What I think:

Reasons to support my opinion: