

## *The Answers to the Piranha Study Guide...*

- 1.) What does the name "piranha" mean? **Fish tooth**
- 2.) What do piranhas eat? **Snails, aquatic animals, fish, plants, seeds, fruit, and the occasional mammal that falls in the water**
- 3.) Who is at fault for spreading the rumor that piranhas are bloodthirsty? **Theodore Roosevelt**
- 4.) Piranhas will also cannibalize each other. True or False. **True**
- 5.) Their primary predators are which animals? **River dolphins, birds, turtles, larger piscivorous fish, and caiman**
- 6.) The bite force of 1 of these fish is? **72 psi**
- 7.) They are attracted to what 2 things? **Splashing and blood**
- 8.) List the vocalizations made by these fish. **Grunts, thuds, and barking noises**
- 9.) A group of piranhas is called? **School or shoal**
- 10.) How many eggs do females lay? **1,000**
- 11.) What 2 body parts do these fish attack first? **The eyes and the tail**
- 12.) How long have piranhas lived in South America? **Millions of years**
- 13.) How much can a piranha weigh? **Up to 8 lbs.**