

Soper's World Critical Thinking Questions

1. What role do you think Soper's acceptance and eagerness to learn traditional Inuit survival methods played in the success of his expeditions?
2. Soper was a naturalist and a surveyor, but he is also often described as an "explorer" or as the "discoverer" of the nesting grounds of the Blue Goose, even though his Inuit companions were the ones who guided him. How do you feel about this? Do you think this would be credited the same way today?
3. J. Dewey Soper was an artist as well as a scientist. How do you think his artistic knowledge helped him in his scientific work? Do you think art has a similar impact on aspects of your own life?
4. Soper's work helped us to better understand the different species that inhabit the Arctic. He took many photographs and samples to document the species he found there. Do you think this kind of work is important? Please explain.