

A Sound of Thunder

by Ray Bradbury

A) Short Answers: Answer the following in complete sentences.

1) Describe how Eckels is feeling at the beginning of the story.

2) In the line "...burning all of the Time..." why is the word *Time* capitalized?

3) Describe the political situation that is discussed at the beginning of the story.

4) What are they hunting? Where will they be doing this hunting?

5) What precautions do the people of Time Safari Inc. take for the hunters' visit to the past? Why do they take these precautions?

6) How does Eckels see himself? Use quotes from the story to illustrate your answer.

7) How does Eckels react to the T-Rex? Contrast this reaction to the description in question six.

8) Descriptive language is the bread and butter of a fiction writer. Choose TWO quotes from the description of the T-Rex that you feel are particularly effective and explain why you think this is so.

9) How do the other two hunters in the party react to killing the dinosaur? Why do they react this way?

10) What does Travis make Eckels do before they return to the future? Why does he do this? How does Travis feel about Eckels?

11) What changes have occurred when the men return to the Time Safari Inc. offices? Why did these changes occur?

12) A sound of thunder is mentioned twice in the story. What things are being described by each use of this phrase?

B) Multi-paragraph Answer: Complete the following question in a four-paragraph essay on a separate piece of paper

1) Using direct quotes from the story "A Sound of Thunder" explain whether the author is writing the story from a pro-hunting or an anti-hunting point-of-view.