**Mrs. Baker ELA 9**

**“A Sound of Thunder”**

**Quiz: Plot, Conflict, Sequencing (Foreshadowing/Flashback)**

**Directions:** Read each question carefully. Select the response the best answers the question. Write the letter of your answer choice on your own sheet of notebook paper with the proper class heading.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1A. Which statement best describes the main internal conflict of the story?

1. Eckels must get over his fear of the time machine.
2. Eckels must face his fear of a Tyrannosaurus Rex.
3. Eckels must make peace with his strong dislike of the dictator president, Deutscher.
4. Travis must get over his annoyance that Eckels does not understand the dangers of time travel.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1B. Which quote best supports the answer to question 1A?

1. Eckels flushed angrily. “Trying to scare me!”
2. “So they’re dead,” said Eckels. “So what?” “So what?” Travis snorted quietly. “Well, what about the foxes that’ll need those mice to survive?”
3. “There’s an anti-everything man for you, a militarist, anti-Christ, anti-human, anti-intellectual.”
4. “It can’t be killed,” Eckels pronounced this verdict quietly…”We were fools to come. This is impossible.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2A. Which of the following foreshadows what happens at the end of the story?

1. the high price of the trip
2. the warning to stay on the path
3. the red paint on the dinosaur
4. the death of the dinosaur

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2B. Which quotation best supports the answer to question 2A?

1. “Like a stone idol, like a mountain avalanche, Tyrannosaurus fell.”
2. “When I find one that’s going to die…I shoot a paint bomb. It leaves a red patch on his side.”
3. “Stay on the Path. Don’t go off it. I repeat. Don’t go off. For any reason!”
4. “…he put his hand slowly out upon the air, and in that hand waved a check for ten thousand dollars…”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3A. Which of the following statements accurately describes a potential problem with time travel in the story?

1. The presence of wormholes could send you to the wrong time and place.
2. Physics does not forbid time travel and could create time anomalies.
3. Time travel is extremely expensive, and safety isn’t guaranteed.
4. Time travel is dangerous because of the high risk of altering the present.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3B. Which of the following quotes is the best support for question 3A?

1. “That’d be a paradox,” said the latter. “Time doesn’t permit that sort of mess—a man meeting himself.”
2. “A touch of the hand and this burning would, on the instant, beautifully reverse itself.”
3. “The stomp of your foot, on one mouse, could start an earthquake, the effects of which could shake our earth and destinies down through Time, to their very foundations.”
4. “…he put his hand slowly out upon the air, and in that hand waved a check for ten thousand dollars…”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4A. Which of the following statements accurately describes the most important outcome of Eckels’ hunting expedition in the past?

1. Eckels returns home to the present with muddy boots and faces penalties for stepping off the path.
2. The man behind the desk is unhappy that their expedition took longer than usual.
3. Travis is unhappy with Eckels because he killed a butterfly instead of a dinosaur, and wants to kill him.
4. Eckels stepped on a butterfly, and now the country has happily elected the dictator Deutscher as president.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4B. Which quotation best foreshadows the answer to question 4A?

1. “A dead mouse here makes an insect imbalance there, a population disproportion later, a bad harvest further on…and, finally, a change in social temperament…”
2. “If you fall off, there’s a penalty. And don’t shoot any animal we don’t okay.”
3. “We’re here to give you the severest thrill a real hunter ever asked for. Traveling you back sixty million years to bag the biggest game of all Time.”
4. “I’m warning you, Eckels, I might kill you yet. I’ve got my gun ready.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5A. Which of the following statements best summarizes the exposition of the story?

1. Eckels lives in the futuristic United States and wants to escape to the past to avoid their dictator President, Deutscher.
2. Eckels, a big game hunter living in the futuristic United States, pays $10,000 to travel back in time with his guide, Travis, to shoot a dinosaur.
3. Travis, a time travel guide, struggles to keep his dangerous business alive by paying bribes to officials.
4. Lesperance, a time travel guide, struggles to make his customers understand they may only shoot animals that he okay’s.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5B. Which of the following quotations best supports the answer to question 5A?

1. “Right,” said Lesperance. “I track them through their entire existence, noting which of them lives longest. Very Few. How many times they mate. Not often. Life’s short. When I find one that’s going to die when a tree falls on him…I shoot a paint bomb.”
2. “People called us up, you know, joking but not joking. Said if Deutscher became President they wanted to go live in 1492.”
3. “Eckels…waved a check for ten thousand dollars…’Does this safari guarantee I come back alive?’ ‘We guarantee nothing,’ said the official, ‘except the dinosaurs…This is Mr. Travis, your Safari Guide in the Past.”
4. “We don’t belong here in the Past. The government doesn’t like us here. We have to pay big graft to keep our franchise.”