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***A Sound of Thunder* – Ray Bradbury**



Directions: Answer the following questions with **complete sentences**!

1. **PREREADING:** “A Sound of Thunder” is a story about time travel. Where would you go if you could travel through time? Would you choose the past or the future as your destination? Would you stay in the area where you live, or would you go someplace else? How would traveling through time affect your life?

2. Why does Eckels want to travel through time? What does he want to do?

3. How is Eckels feeling at the start of the trip? What details in the text reveal this?

4. What is the antigravity metal path and why must the men stay on it?

5. Explain the chain of causes and effects that would occur if a time traveler killed one mouse.

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6. Bradbury’s writing style is full of vivid descriptions and imagery as he describes the *Tyrannosaurus Rex*.

What can you see, hear, and smell?

See:

Hear:

Smell:

7. Make an inference. What does Eckels do wrong?

8. What happens when the thunder fades? What does the sound of “thunder” represent?

9. When the time travelers return to the world of 2055, how has the setting changed? List three things that are different from the original setting.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

10. What happens to Eckels at the end of the story?

11. What is the **cause** of the final event?

12. **MOOD:** How would you describe the **mood** before and after the hunt?

BEFORE: _____ **AFTER:** _____

11. **CAUSE-AND-EFFECT:** Fill in the cause-and-effect chart to show the sequence of events in the story.

