A Sound of Thunder Test Review Answer Key – Test Thursday, October 10

The Story (from the literature book) (multiple choice on test):

1. At the beginning of the story, what does Keith’s victory in the election seem to promise Americans (as opposed to Deutscher, who would be an evil dictator)?

   *A future of peace and freedom*

2. Why does Eckels pay to travel through time?

   *He wants to shoot a dinosaur.*

3. At the beginning of the story, what are the comments from the man behind the desk meant to do?

   *To persuade Eckels not to go on the safari*

4. When Eckels pauses to consider tearing up his check before going on the safari, what does this foreshadow?

   *His inability to shoot a dinosaur*

5. What is a potential problem with time travel?

   *It could alter the present*

6. What is the main purpose of the path?

   *To prevent hunters from changing history*

7. According to Travis, when is straying from the path allowed?

   *Never*

8. What does the repeated warning to stay on the path foreshadow?

   *What happens at the end of the story (Eckels steps off the path, changing the future.)*

9. Why does Time Safari hunt animals that are about to die anyway?

   *Killing those animals is least likely to affect history*

10. Which details from the story help to clearly show that Eckels is scared even before he lands in the past?

    *While traveling, his face gets pale, his jaw stiffens, his arms tremble, and he tightly grips his rifle.*
11. When Eckels sees the Tyrannosaurus for the first time, of what does he become convinced?

   *That it cannot be killed*

12. The story indicates that, like Eckels, the other two clients are what (although, unlike Eckels, they don’t run away and step off the path)?

   *They are terrified by the Tyrannosaurus*

13. What causes Eckels to stray off the path?

   *Panic*

14. Why does Travis insist that Eckels retrieve the bullets from the dinosaur?

   *He is angry and wants Eckels to suffer.*

15. What does Lesperance, Travis’s assistant, seem to think of Travis’s treatment of Eckels?

   *He thinks it is too harsh.*

16. What actually changes the future (Eckels’s present)?

   *A butterfly’s unnatural death*

17. What are the signs of change that Eckels notices when he gets out of the machine?

   *There is a strange smell to the air, the sign on the wall has different spellings of words (the language is different), and Deutscher beat Keith in the election (and the people are happy about it…there is a change in social temperament/way of thinking)*

18. When does Eckels take full responsibility for the effects of his actions?

   *Never; in fact, he actually thinks he can buy his way out of trouble, offering to pay any amount Travis wants*

19. What is the final sound of thunder that Eckels hears?

   *The sound of gun being shot in the present (at him, by Travis)*

20. What is Eckels’s main character flaw?

   *He is a coward (if he wasn’t a coward, he wouldn’t have panicked and run off the path, and thus, nothing would have happened to alter their present time)*

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**The Movie (true/false on test):**

- Study the movie questions we corrected in class.