

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## *A Sound of Thunder* Reading Questions



**Directions:** Answer the following questions with complete sentences. Be sure to proofread your answers and be prepared to share.

1. What is the setting of the story? When do you think the story takes place?

---

---

2. Why do you think there is such a harsh penalty for disobeying the instructions?

---

---

3. Who are the two candidates for President of the United States? Who wins the election?

---

---

4. What are some of the things that Deutscher is against?

---

---

5. What type of animal will Eckels be hunting?

---

---

6. What is the purpose of “the path”?

---

---

7. According to Travis, why can a small change in the past have a great effect on the future?

---

---

---

---

8. Why do you think the travelers wear special clothing and helmets?

---

---

9. Why do you suppose only animals that are about to die can be hunted?

---

---

10. Eckels is repeatedly told to, "Stay on the Path!" What do predict is going to happen?

---

---

---

11. Who or what do you think Travis is referring to as "His Royal Majesty?"

---

---

12. How does Eckels react when he sees the dinosaur? What is he instructed to do?

---

---

13. Why does Eckels step off the path? What do you suppose will happen?

---

---

14. What does Travis want Eckels to do as punishment? Do you think that Travis is justified?

---

---

---

15. What was the result of Eckels's killing of the butterfly?

---

---

16. What is the "sound of thunder" at the end of the story?

---

---