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Period:

A Sound of Thunder

By: Ray Bradbury

As you read...Figurative Language

Term	Definition	Example
Allusion	A reference to something from history, literature, current events, or popular culture	The manager thought that he was more powerful than Julius Caesar!
Hyperbole	Big exaggeration, usually with humor	So hungry I could eat a cow
Metaphor	Comparing the qualities of two unlike things to achieve a creative effect	Her hair is a blond cascade.
Personification	Giving something human qualities.	The song reached out and grabbed a hold of me.
Simile	A figure of speech comparing two unlike things that is often introduced by like or as	Her smile was like the sun.
Onomatopoeia	Words that create imitations of sounds	The machine roared to life.
Imagery	Writing that creates clear visuals with specific details.	The giant tree was ablaze with the orange, red, and yellow leaves that were beginning to make their descent to the ground.

Directions: As you read, jot down one example for the following types of figurative language.

Allusion Page _____	
Hyperbole Page _____	
Metaphor Page _____	
Personification Page _____	
Simile Page _____	
Onomatopoeia Page _____	
Imagery Page _____	

How does Bradbury's use of figurative language impact the reader?

Does his use of figurative language detract or enhance the story? Why? Be specific when answering!

As you read...Vocabulary

As you read, use context clues to help you define each of the following words.

Word	Your definition of the word	Context Clues that helped you define it
Delirium Page _____		
Remit Page _____		
Primeval Page _____		

After you read...Questions For Thought

Directions: Answer the following questions in 3-5 complete sentences.

1. In what ways does this short story connect to your summer reading? What key elements of the two texts are similar?

2. Describe Eckel's major flaw as a character. Would you consider Eckels a protagonist or antagonist?

3. Ray Bradbury leaves the story with a cliffhanger. What inference can the reader make that happens to Eckels? Why would Ray Bradbury decide to use a cliffhanger to conclude the short story?

After you read...Critical Thinking

What is one possible theme of Ray Bradbury's *A Sound of Thunder*? Provide specific evidence that supports your answer.

Theme:

Evidence from the text:

Which steps (from your theme/central idea notes) helped you identify the theme of the text?
