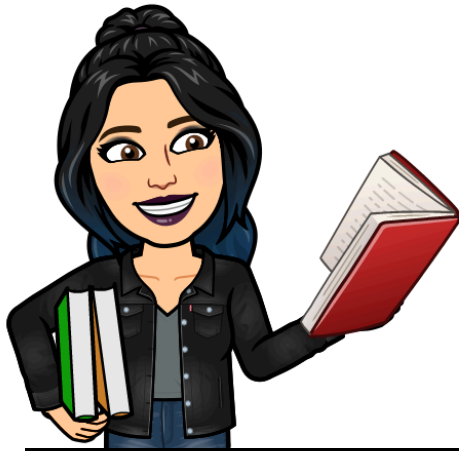


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Pre-Reading Questions and discussion:

- If time travel were possible, would you take the opportunity to do so? Why or why not?
- If you would choose to time travel, when would you most like to visit?
- What are the possible consequences of time travel?

This week in "A Sound of Thunder"

- Eckels arrives at a company called "Time Safari, Inc.," where they offer safaris to the past to hunt any animal.
- He feels nervous but excited, holding a check to pay for the trip and asks if it's guaranteed he'll come back alive.
- The official introduces Mr. Travis, the Safari Guide, who explains the rules, including no shooting unless instructed, with heavy penalties for disobedience.
- Eckels wants to hunt a Tyrannosaurus Rex, and the team prepares for the trip in a Time Machine that will take them millions of years into the past.
- They wear oxygen helmets, and Eckels begins to feel nervous as they travel back in time, along with the other hunters and Safari leaders.

Characters:

- Eckels: The main character, a hunter eager to experience a dinosaur safari.
- Mr. Travis: The Safari Leader in charge of the expedition to the past.
- Lesperance: Travis's assistant.
- Billings and Kramer: Two other hunters on the safari.
- The Official: The man who works for Time Safari, Inc.

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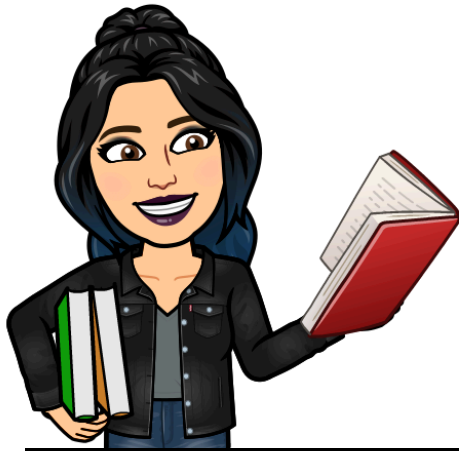
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This week in "A Sound of Thunder"

- Here is a breakdown of the middle part of "A Sound of Thunder" for a 6th-grade level:
- The time machine stops, and the group of hunters, including Eckels, arrives in the past—60 million years ago, before human history.
- The guide, Travis, explains that they must follow strict rules to avoid changing the future. They must stay on a floating metal path to avoid touching anything from the past.
- Travis warns Eckels about the importance of not altering the environment, even by stepping on a small animal, as it could create a "butterfly effect," drastically changing the future.
- Lesperance, the assistant, describes how they marked certain animals (like the *Tyrannosaurus Rex*) that are close to dying naturally, so the hunters only kill animals that won't affect the future.
- Eckels nervously reflects on how insignificant modern-day concerns seem when compared to the vastness of time.
- The group is ready to face the *Tyrannosaurus Rex*, and Travis reminds them to be careful and stay on the path.
- As the jungle falls silent, the massive *Tyrannosaurus Rex* emerges from the mist, and the hunters prepare for the encounter.

Here are some key themes and symbolism from "A Sound of Thunder" that students should pay attention to:

- **The Butterfly Effect/Chaos Theory:** Small actions can have massive consequences. Pay attention to how even the tiniest change in the past (like stepping on an insect) can alter the future dramatically.
- **Technology and Its Risks:** The time machine represents advanced technology, but it also highlights the dangers of misusing such power without fully understanding the consequences.
- **The Tyrannosaurus Rex:** The dinosaur symbolizes the uncontrollable power of nature and the danger that comes with underestimating it.

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