“Sound of Thunder” by Ray Bradbury

Vocabulary

Give the part of speech and definition.

1. Annihilate: (verb) to destroy or wipe out

2. Expendable: (noun) __________

3. Depression: (noun) __________

4. Paradox: (noun) __________

5. Delirium: (noun) __________

6. Resilient: (noun) __________

7. Remit: (noun) __________

8. Revoke: (noun) __________

9. Primeval: (noun) __________

10. Subliminal: (noun) __________

Reading Questions

1. Which passage from the story contains a figure of speech?
   a. “Stay on the Path.”
   b. “They were ready to leave the Machine.”
   c. “That’d be a paradox.”
   d. “Each lower leg was a piston...”

2. In this story, Bradbury’s diction, or word choice, can BEST be described as:
   a. Flat
   b. Vivid
   c. Everyday
   d. technical

3. Overall, Bradbury’s style can BEST be described as:
   a. Humorous
   b. Matter-of-fact
   c. Sparse
   d. Richly descriptive

4. Which of the following words BEST describes the mood of “A Sound of Thunder”?
   a. Relaxed
   b. Quiet
   c. Terrifying
   d. evil