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Text-Dependent Questions

Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.

1. PART A: Which of the following best describes a central idea in the text? [RL.2]
- A. Treasure hunting should remain in storybooks; it is a dangerous business for amateurs.
 - B. Never underestimate the lengths one will take to protect something dear to them.
 - C. Greed can overtake a person's perception and judgment.
 - D. Theft will always be punished, one way or another.

2. PART B: Cite a quote from the text that supports the answer to Part A. [RL.1]

3. PART A: What does the term "languid" most closely mean, as used in paragraph 17? [RL.4]
- A. Weak
 - B. Lazy
 - C. Smooth
 - D. Cautious

4. PART B: Which of the following phrases best supports the answer to Part A? [RL.1]
- A. "carefully"
 - B. "passed"
 - C. "strength"
 - D. "exhausted"

5. How does Evans' dream best fit into the structural plot of the story? [RL.5]
- A. It recounts the story of how Evans and Hooker came to learn of the treasure.
 - B. It foreshadows danger: that they will be consumed by greed and it will lead to their doom.
 - C. It heightens the suspense, turning Evans' delusions of grandeur into actual hallucinations.
 - D. It suggests that the treasure will be well-guarded, as if by a "devil."

6. PART A: Which of the following statements best summarizes how the two men react upon finding the dead body? [RL.3]
- A. Both see it as a warning sign and proceed cautiously.
 - B. Evans is spiteful toward the dead man and more focused on the gold, while Hooker is wary of what happened to him.
 - C. Overall Evans ignores it, but Hooker wishes to bury him out of respect.
 - D. Both are frightened by the dead man, but only Hooker thinks there may still be someone lurking, ready to do the same to them.
7. PART B: How do these reactions, as described in the text, develop their individual points of view within the passage? [RL.6]
- A. These reactions show that Evans cares more about money than his companion.
 - B. These reactions show that both of them are more concerned with the treasure than potential danger.
 - C. These reactions show that Hooker is more aware of their situation; Evans only cares for the gold's status.
 - D. These reactions show that Evans has a better focus on their goal than Hooker does.
8. "He came here alone, and some poisonous snake has killed him..." (Paragraph 54) [RL.5]
How does the author utilize snakes, or allusions to snakes, throughout the text, and to what effect?

Discussion Questions

Directions: *Brainstorm your answers to the following questions in the space provided. Be prepared to share your original ideas in a class discussion.*

1. In your opinion, was it right for Hooker and Evans to go in search of the treasure? Why or why not?
2. How does the author's use of foreshadowing throughout the text contribute to the mood? What does this tell you about the author's point of view of the men in the story?
3. In the context of this passage, can money buy happiness? How does greed cloud our judgement? Cite evidence from this text, your own experience, and other literature, art, or history in your answer.