**A Sound of Thunder: Investigating the concept of time travel.**

**Choose ONE of the following activities**

**Symbolic Image**

In “A Sound of Thunder” the butterfly is not only a symbol, but an allusion to a scientific theory called “the butterfly effect,” a phenomena whereby even a slight change to a complex system can lead to larger, unpredictable changes over time.

Create an illustration that explores the layers of the meaning of the butterfly in this story.

**OR**

**Critique**

Evaluate the end of the story and explain why you think it is or is not effective. In a second paragraph, suggest a way that Bradbury may have ended the story.

**Alternate Plot**

The sound of Thunder is based on the premise that the time travelers do not want to do anything that might change the future. Imagine a story based on the opposite premise: The time travelers go back in time specifically for the purpose of changing some event.

Determine what event your time travelers would choose to alter

Brainstorm how the characters could go about altering the event and what long-range effects (expected and unexpected) their actions might have.

Write a story that has all the elements of a short story (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution).

You will be assessed according to the BC Provincial Standards for creative writing (PDF attached)