**Study Guide: Mini Touchstone 3.1**

**Selection One: Burch Middle School Science Fair: Erick’s Reign**

It’s that time of the year again! Students are all circled around the small gym with their Science Fair projects on display. Erick has spent the last six months preparing for his presentation. He chose the topic “Does color have an impact on memory?” Erick’s younger siblings were each given colored flash cards to study vocabulary words. The vocabulary words he chose were high school ACT terms that included words such as bellicose, chicanery, and supercilious. Some words were on regular black and white flash cards, while other words were on green, blue, and yellow cards. He collected data weekly to track their progress. To Erick’s surprise, his siblings seemed to forget the definitions of the words on the black and white flash cards. As the judges circulate the gym observing the science fair projects, Erick held his head high in a pompous manner. His nose was turned up to all of his neighboring competitors. Erick was certain he would win for the third year in a row. He glared across the room at last year’s runner up. Once he locked eyes with Anna Sumpter he smirked and became convinced he would win again.

“The winner of Burch Middle School’s 2020 Science fair is Anna Sumpter,” the judges announced.

“This is unbelievable!” Erick responded to the announcement. He snatched his trifold board and stormed out of the gym.

**Selection Two: Burch Middle School Science Fair: Anna’s Takeover**

Science fair seems to come too fast each year! Anna always try her hardest to find a clever experiment, but Erick always wins. This year she decided to test something that matters to her. She decided to answer the question “does dog saliva kill bacteria?” Her three-year-old pit bull was vital to her science for project this year. Each day she observed the bacteria in the Petri dishes disappear after she added dog saliva. She carefully observed the bacteria under a microscope and collected data regularly. Judges circled around her project in amazement. Anna looked across the room and noticed Erick’s menacing smile. She figured he would win another year in a row.

“The winner of Burch Middle School’s 2020 Science fair is Anna Sumpter,” the judges announced. Anna stood in shock. She worked tirelessly on this year’s Science Fair Project. She finally defeated Erick.

1. Which statement is the BEST resolution of Selection 1 or Selection 2?

A. Selection 1 reveals the conclusion of Erick’s participation in the Science Fair.

B. Selection 2 reveals the conclusion of Anna’s winning streak.

C. Selection 1 describes Erick’s acceptance of his Science Fair loss.

D. Selection 2 describes how Anna’s creative project was accepted by judges and led to her win.

As the judges circulate the gym observing the science fair projects, Erick held his head high in a **pompous** manner. His nose was turned up to all of his neighboring competitors.

2. What is the BEST meaning of the word pompous as it is used in the sentence?

A. arrogant; prideful

B. accuracy; exactness

C. inaccuracy; disregard

D. inattention; thoughtlessness

3. Which of the following **BEST** explains the impact of the differing perspectives on the conflict of the two

selections?

A. Selection 1 displays Erick’s disbelief in his own ability while Selection 2 displays Anna’s lack of confidence in her Science Fair project.

B. Selection 1 describes Erick’s fear of losing his Science Fair winning streak while Section 2 describes Anna’s fear of losing another year in a row.

C. Selection 1 explains the Science Fair project that Erick completed while Selection 2 explains Anna’s unique approach to winning the Science Fair.

D. Selection 1 reveals Erick’s distaste for Anna, while Selection 2 reveals Anna’s frustration with the Science Fair.

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A group of students decides to make a film of the Selection 1. They decide to film using bright lighting, alternating wide shots, and manuscripts with close ups for emphasis. Closeups on Erick’s facial expressions are used after he loses the Science Fair. The film ends with Erick storming out of the gym and Anna holding her head high as she approaches the judges’ table.

In which of the following ways does the director’s interpretation of the text reveal the theme of

Selection 1?

A. The techniques used in the film support Anna’s desire to win the Science Fair.

B. The lighting technique used by the director of the film reflects Erick’s arrogant nature.

C. The mood of the film supports the tone of the text and Anna’s lack of confidence.

D. The camera angles support the author’s presentation of Anna’s excitement for the Science Fair.

5. Which of the following in Selection 1 is described in Selection 2?

A. The judges announcing the winner of the Science Fair.

B. The details of Erick’s Science Fair project

C. The details of Anna’s Science Fair project.

D. Anna reading her manuscript

6. Which of the following is a focus of Selection 2 but is not explored in Selection 1?

A. Anna’s new approach she took to win the Science Fair

B. Erick’s difficulty with his oral exams while in school

C. Erick’s recipe for continually winning the Science Fair.

D. Anna’s belief in the importance of dogs.

7. Which of the following elements of Selection 1 would make it more difficult to create a play based

on the text rather than a film?

1. the setting of the text
2. the sudden shifts in time
3. the focus on only one major character
4. the lack of dialogue within the original text

8. The director of the Science Fair is deciding to create two short films to advertise for the upcoming year. One is black and white and the other is in color. Which of the following explains the reason that a color film featuring Erick’s project would be more effective than a black and white version?

A. Erick’s project requires various colors and would need to be in color to truly explain his work.

B. Anna’s bacteria would be hard to see in black and white.

C. Erick’s attitude would not have been clearly portrayed in black and white.

D. Anna’s project would have been more impactful if it were in back and white.