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Close-Reading Questions

"Into the Poison Cloud"

1. In the section "Leaving Home," Tod Olson writes that Morgan had the gift of "insatiable curiosity." How does Olson develop this idea throughout the article? (key ideas and details, character)

2. Olson calls Morgan's safety hood "an invention the world desperately needed." How is this statement supported? (key ideas and details)

3. How effective did the men gathered on the platform in Lake Erie think Morgan's safety hood would be? How do you know? (text evidence, inference)

Close-Reading Question

"6 Qualities of a Successful Inventor"

1. Based on what box No. 3 says, define *resilience* in your own words. How did Morgan show resilience? (vocabulary, synthesis)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

"Into the Poison Cloud" and "6 Qualities of a Successful Inventor"

1. Consider the saying "Necessity is the mother of invention." What does it mean? How does it apply to the story of Garrett Morgan?

2. What might be rewarding about being an inventor? What might be challenging?