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RESPONSE SHEET



Quick Retrieval

1. What did the dream threads pulse like? _____
2. What three nouns did not come willingly?

3. What did the festival lights glow like? _____

2a Vocabulary in Context

1. What does the word "barren" suggest about the plateau?

2. **Find** and **copy one word** that suggests the building is very old.

3. What does the phrase "pulse like wounded nerves" suggest about the threads?

A) full of life

B) empty and lifeless

C) dangerous and noisy

D) bright and colourful

2b Retrieval

1. Where does the fly enter the building? _____
2. What does the boy do after he flicks the switch? _____
3. **Find** and **copy a phrase** to show that the boy is tired.

Based on the whole text, put one tick or cross against each statement:

statement	True	False
The glass vat contains threads made of silk.		
The boy immediately flicks the switch without hesitation.		
The text suggests the threads can learn.		



Prove it - How can you prove your answers are correct?

Make your own retrieval true or false question, based on the whole text. Quiz your partner.



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2c Sequencing

Number the events below from 1–4 to show the order they happen in the story.

The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ Threads react and then go still.
- ☐ The fly lands on the vat.
- 1** The fly enters the laboratory.
- ☐ A boy activates the switch.

2d - Inference

How can you tell the place is unnatural or disturbing? Give **two pieces of evidence from the text**.

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What impression do you get of the boy? Give **evidence from the text** to support your answer. (3 marks)

Impression	Evidence



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2e - prediction

Why does the writer suggest that “it will be free”? What might “it” be?

2f - authorial language

Why does the writer use short sentences like:
“Something angry. Something hungry.”

2g authorial intent

The author describes the threads as “pulse like wounded nerves”. How does this description affect the reader’s feelings about the experiment?

2h comparison

Compare the atmosphere at the beginning of the extract with the atmosphere inside the laboratory.

How are they similar and how are they different?

Use **evidence from the text** to support your answer.

