**Based On Meltzer Critical Reading Lesson #7**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Shrinkage - a reduction in the size of something, or the process of becoming smaller.**

Sentence example - Research increasingly shows a substantial thinning of Arctic ice and 5 percent shrinkage in its overall cover.

1. **Shed - (often used in newspapers) to get rid of something you do not need or want.**

Sentence example - Psychotherapy helped him to shed some of his insecurity/inhibitions.

1. **Spare - to not hurt or destroy something or someone.**

Sentence example - They asked him to spare the women and children.

1. **Dismiss - to decide that something or someone is not important and not worth considering.**

Sentence example - Let's not just dismiss the idea before we've even thought about it.

1. **Hive - a structure where bees live, either built by people or made by the bees themselves.**

Sentence example - Bees naturally attack anything entering their hives.

1. **Improbable - not likely to happen or be true.**

Sentence example - It's highly improbable that Norris will agree.

1. **Terrestrial - relating to the planet earth, or living or existing on the land rather than in the sea or air.**

Sentence example - Newton investigated terrestrial and celestial motion.