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Quiz on Stephen Jay Gould's *Wonderful Life*

1. The Burgess Shale is found in:
 - a. Africa
 - b. Canada
 - c. Australia
 - d. New Mexico
2. The sudden appearance of many animal phyla at the time of the Burgess Shale is called the _____.
3. The Burgess Shale was discovered in 1909 by:
 - a. Stephen Jay Gould
 - b. Simon Conway Morris
 - c. Harry Whittington
 - d. Derek Briggs
 - e. Charles Doolittle Walcott
4. The age of the Burgess Shale is:
 - a. 5.3 million years.
 - b. 53 million years.
 - c. 530 million years.
 - d. 5.3 billion years.
5. Gould believes that the Burgess Shale illustrates his theory of:
 - a. the cone of increasing diversity.
 - b. the ladder of progress.
 - c. the artifact theory.
 - d. decimation and diversification.
6. What was Harry Whittington's relationship to Simon Conway Morris?
 - a. Student
 - b. Graduate Advisor
 - c. Undergraduate Advisor
 - d. Employee
 - e. Personal Aquatic Ape
7. Pikaia is most closely related to:
 - a. arthropods.
 - b. mollusks.
 - c. vertebrates.
 - d. worms.
8. A "bottom-heavy" group of organisms is one that:
 - a. has its greatest diversity at the midpoint of its history.
 - b. has its greatest diversity late in its history.
 - c. has its greatest diversity early in its history.
 - d. is equally diverse at all times.
9. _____ is exemplified by Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* as well as Gould's belief that a replay of life's tape would inevitably take history down a very different path.
 - a. Iconography
 - b. Contingency
 - c. Natural Selection
 - d. Predictability
10. Harry Whittington and Charles Doolittle Walcott were both specialists in the study of:
 - a. trilobites.
 - b. snails.
 - c. segmented worms.
 - d. sea urchins and their relatives.
 - e. aquatic apes.