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Double Meaning Detectives

Directions: Read each pair of excerpts. Identify the meaning of the bold word in each context, then explain how the meaning shifts from the literary excerpt to the informational excerpt.

1. Literary excerpt: "The coach's whistle cut the air, and the team began to **charge** down the field as if the end zone could solve everything."

Informational excerpt: "The museum did not **charge** admission on weekdays to make the exhibit more accessible."

Meaning in the literary excerpt: _____

Meaning in the informational excerpt: _____

Meaning shift: How are the two uses different? _____

2. Literary excerpt: "A cold **draft** slipped under the door, turning the quiet hallway into something watchful."

Informational excerpt: "The committee released a **draft** of the policy and invited public feedback before voting."

Meaning in the literary excerpt: _____

Meaning in the informational excerpt: _____

Meaning shift: How are the two uses different? _____

3. Literary excerpt: "An idea seemed to **strike** her all at once, bright and sudden as lightning."

Informational excerpt: "Workers planned a **strike** to demand safer conditions and fair scheduling."

Meaning in the literary excerpt: _____

Meaning in the informational excerpt: _____

Meaning shift: How are the two uses different? _____