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Science Summer Reading Assignment

The Hot Zone by Richard Preston

Answer three of the following questions in one to three paragraphs each (typed 12 font).

1. Do you think USAMRIID and the CDC handled the Reston outbreak efficiently? If not, what do you think could have been done differently?
2. The author builds tension for the reader in many ways. Which way did you think was the most effective?
3. How do you feel about Tom Geisbert and Peter Jarhling's decision not to tell their superiors of "the whiffing incident?" Does it differ from what Nurse Mayinga did when she left the hospital? Why do you think each of them tried to hide or deny exposure?
4. Discuss how you think the story would change if news crews had shown up and filmed the bio containment operation.
5. What is the allure of working with hot agents? Why do these people do it? Would you do it?

(Questions adapted from studio5.ksl.com)