*The Garden of Forking Paths*

Answer in complete sentences. Support your points.

1. Describe the labyrinth. What is the garden of forking paths?
2. Borges describes his philosophy of history as “just as you think you have unravelled a knotty string of evidence, it coils up in a fresh tangle, history is an unending detective story.” After reading, how is this theory evidenced by the text?
3. How does Yu Tsun test ideas?
4. Is Yu Tsun’s explanation of a rain delaying the 1916 offensive plausible? Real? Explain.
5. Research Liddell Hart. Why would Borges include him in the story? Is he a trustworthy historian?
6. Can trivial events be connected to major events in history? How? Give an example.
7. Is the history prior to the phone call relevant? Are we doomed to persistently stagnate because of our ignorance? Does the past always inform the future?
8. Describe the importance of Tsingtao. Why did Borges veil this connection between Germany and China?
9. Did Albert use “detective work” to solve the labyrinth? What does this say about the work of a historian?
10. Complete the graphic organizer below by asserting how each of the ways of knowing informs us of history’s influence on the future **according to the story.**

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| WOK | Explanation |
| Sense Perception |  |
| Memory |  |
| Imagination |  |
| Reason |  |
| Language |  |
| Emotion |  |
| Intuition |  |
| Faith |  |

1. Illustrate Borges’ view of the Shape of History