A Walk in the Woods: Ch. 14 & 15

Worksheet A

1.) A.) On page 247, Bryson quotes a *National Geographic* reporter that referred to the trail in Pennsylvania as the place “where boots go to die”. Why is this portion of the trail thought to be so bad or difficult?

B.) After reading about the challenges along this portion of the AT in Pennsylvania, would you continue hiking through it? If not, what would you do instead?

2.) A.) On page 254, Bryson states that most hikers experience a “supremely low moment” when they want to quit the trail. How did Bryson describe his “supremely low moment”?

B.) How do you imagine Bryson felt during this low moment? Why might he have felt this way?

3.) A.) While Bryson stopped to look at the zinc factory and the nearby hill, he gets into an altercation with a security guard. The security guard decides to impound Bryson’s car and does not let him leave. How does Bryson get out of this situation? (Pg. 268 - 269)

B.) What do you think of the way Bryson got out of the situation? Would you have thought to do the same thing? If not, what might you have done?

4.) A.) In chapter 15, Bryson compares his experience with the AT to a hiking experience he had in Luxembourg. What were some of the things he enjoyed about the hiking he did in Luxembourg? What did he suggest might make hiking the AT more enjoyable? (Pg. 285 - 286)