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**FABRIC FORETHOUGHT****Directions:** Answer the following questions as the material is presented.

1. What is "grain"? \_\_\_\_\_ The line formed by the threads of the fabric \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what directions do the grain threads run in a woven piece of fabric?  
 \_\_\_ Lengthwise \_\_\_\_\_ Crosswise \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are two ways one can tell the lengthwise grain of a fabric?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ It is parallel to the selvages \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ It has the least amount of give \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is a selvage? \_\_\_\_\_ The woven edge or sides of the fabric \_\_\_\_\_
5. When a piece of fabric is torn from the bolt, how many selvages does it have? \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_
6. The torn edge of the fabric is called \_\_\_\_\_ the cut edge \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is meant by the following phrase: "The cut edge is on grain"?  
 \_\_\_ When the fabric is cut or torn, the edge follows the grainline. \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the bias of a fabric? \_\_\_ When the fabric is cut across the grainlines \_\_\_\_\_
9. The bias of a fabric has more \_\_\_\_\_ stretch/give/elasticity \_\_\_\_\_ to it.
10. What are five (5) ways to get the edge of a fabric on grain?
  - (1) \_\_\_ Pull a thread and follow it across the fabric \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) \_\_\_ Tear the fabric edge \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) \_\_\_ Line up selvages \_\_\_\_\_
  - (4) \_\_\_ Follow plaid or stripe line if woven \_\_\_\_\_
  - (5) \_\_\_ Block and steam into place with blocking board \_\_\_\_\_
11. What two (2) steps are necessary in order to determine if the fabric or design is printed on grain?
  - (1) \_\_\_ Pull a thread to see if it follows a pattern or line \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) \_\_\_ Place a square at the edge of the fabric and check pattern or line \_\_\_\_\_
12. If your fabric is printed off grain, how will it affect your finished garment?  
 \_\_\_ The pattern will not hang straight on the body. \_\_\_\_\_
13. If you cut your pattern pieces off grain, how will it affect your finished garment?  
 \_\_\_ It won't fit right, hang straight, or be comfortable to wear. \_\_\_\_\_
14. If you don't straighten the grain of your fabric, how will it affect your finished garment?  
 \_\_\_ It won't fit right, hang straight, or be comfortable to wear. \_\_\_\_\_