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Vocabulary - *The Call of the Wild* Part VII

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words above appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. His transient masters since he had come into the Northland had bred in him a fear that no master could be permanent.

2. A "miner's meeting" called on the spot, decided that the dog had sufficient provocation and Buck was discharged.

3. ...being careful that it should neither strangle him nor impede his swimming...

4. Buck performed another exploit not so heroic, perhaps, but one that put his name many notches higher on the totem-pole of Alaskan fame.

5. Sometimes he pursued the call into the forest, looking for it as though it were a tangible thing.

6. Even so, it was a hard fight, and it aroused the last latent remnants of Buck's ferocity.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

___ 27. transient

___ 28. provocation

___ 29. impede

___ 30. exploit

___ 31. tangible

___ 32. latent

A. heroic act, deed of renown

B. something that can be touched, actual

C. under the surface, hidden

D. fleeting, momentary

E. something that stimulates anger

F. to hamper, to obstruct

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Book Part I Chapter 12 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. The girls wore **organdy** dresses and party shoes and ribbons in their hair, or hats.
2. When Cousin Eunice called her, the women stepped back and smiled **primly** at her.
3. Dicey watched him catch a flying swing and leap onto it, then jump furiously with his **sturdy** little legs.
4. And then, Dicey thought to herself as the soft voice **droned** on about service and prayer, just when Cousin Eunice was about to do what she'd always wanted, the Tillermans turned up to tie her down again. Poor Cousin Eunice.
5. "I guess she's slow at school, but I don't think she's **retarded** Or anything like that."
6. She was arguing more from habit than **conviction**.
7. "I thought so!" he **crowed**, laughing at her as she stood, open-mouthed, the suitcase in one hand, the door knob in the other. "You can't fool me!"

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 46. organdy | A. properly; precisely |
| ___ 47. primly | B. exulted loudly; boasted |
| ___ 48. sturdy | C. slow in development |
| ___ 49. droned | D. strong; healthy |
| ___ 50. retarded | E. stiff fabric of cotton or silk |
| ___ 51. conviction | F. spoke in a monotonous tone |
| ___ 52. crowed | G. strong belief or opinion |

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Vocabulary - *Jane Eyre* - Chapters 20 - 23

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Indeed, whatever being uttered that fearful shriek could not soon repeat it: not the widest-winged condor on the Andes could, twice in succession, send out such a yell from the cloud shrouding his eyrie.

2 & 3. What crime was this, that lived incarnate in the sequestered mansion, and could neither be expelled nor subdued by the owner?

4. Presentiments are strange things!

5. I did not like this iteration of one idea---this strange recurrence of one image; and I grew nervous as bedtime approached and the hour of the vision drew near.

6. . . . and she placed before me a little round stand with my cup and a plate of toast, absolutely as she used to accommodate me with some privately purloined dainty on a nursery chair: and I smiled and obeyed her as in bygone days.

7. There was something ascetic in her look, which was augmented by the extreme plainness of a straight-skirted, black, stiff dress, a starched linen collar, hair combed away from the temples, and the nun-like ornament of a string of ebony beads and a crucifix.

Vocabulary - *Jane Eyre* - Chapters 20 - 23 Continued

8. A sneer, however, whether covert or open, had now no longer that power over me it once possessed:

9. . . . I had left this woman with bitterness and hate, and I came back to her now with no other emotion than a sort of ruth for her great sufferings, and a strong yearning to forget and forgive all injuries---to be reconciled and clasp hands in amity.

10. Eliza generally took no more notice of her sister's indolence and complaints than if no such murmuring, lounging object had been before her.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 39. eyrie | A. repetition |
| ___ 40. incarnate | B. secluded or out-of-the-way, as places; withdrawn from others |
| ___ 41. sequestered | C. laziness |
| ___ 42. presentiments | D. to embody in flesh; to represent in a concrete way |
| ___ 43. iteration | E. sorrow; regret; pity or compassion |
| ___ 44. purloined | F. nest of a bird of prey; any nest, habitation or position of loft |
| ___ 45. ascetic | G. stolen; done away with |
| ___ 46. covert | H. forebodings; a feeling that something is going to happen |
| ___ 47. ruth | I. one who practices religious austerities; a hermit or recluse |
| ___ 48. indolence | J. disguised; secret; concealed |

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Vocabulary - *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* 8/18/43 - 1/6/44

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. Mr. Dussel begins, does not always scrape well, but scrapes incessantly, glancing right and left.
2. . . . the wonderful news of Italy's capitulation came in.
3. The atmosphere is so oppressive, and sleepy and as heavy as lead.
4. And when I asked him . . . whether I should congratulate or condole, he answered that it didn't matter to him.
5. He has become very tolerant.
6. I imagine a mother as a woman who, in the first place shows great tact, especially towards her children when they reach our age, and who does not laugh at me if I cry about something--not pain, but other things--like "Mums" does.
7. One thing, which perhaps may seem rather fatuous, I have never forgiven her.

Anne Frank Vocabulary Worksheet 8/18/43 - 1/6/44 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 23. incessantly | A. To express sympathy |
| ___ 24. capitulation | B. Inclined to put up with beliefs, practices or traits of others |
| ___ 25. oppressive | C. Foolish |
| ___ 26. condole | D. Continually, without interruption |
| ___ 27. tolerant | E. Ability to act or speak without offending |
| ___ 28. tact | F. Difficult to bear; weighing heavily on the senses or spirit |
| ___ 29. fatuous | G. Surrender under specified conditions |

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Vocabulary - *The Outsiders* Chapters 7-8

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. He'd . . . walk around interviewing the nurses and mimicking T.V. reporters.

2. . . . it stopped recurring so often, but it happened often enough for Darry to take me to a doctor.

3. "Work?" Two-Bit was aghast. "And ruin my rep?"

4. Two-Bit was telling me about one of his many exploits while we did the dishes.

5. Turning abruptly, he said, "Let's go see Dallas."

6. She was a little woman, with straight black hair and big, black eyes like Johnny's. But that was as far as the resemblance went.

7. I could tell that he was debating whether to tell Dally the truth or not.

8. It was the reward of two hours of walking aimlessly around a hardware store to divert suspicion.

Vocabulary - *The Outsiders* Chapters 7-8 Continued

9. Tim grinned ruefully probably thinking of his roughneck, hard-headed brother.

10. We mostly stuck with our own outfits, so I was a little leery of going over to him.

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

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| ___ 36. mimicking | A. heroic acts, adventures |
| ___ 37. recurring | B. regretfully, sorrowfully |
| ___ 38. aghast | C. wary, suspicious |
| ___ 39. exploits | D. likeness, similarity |
| ___ 40. abruptly | E. without direction, without purpose |
| ___ 41. resemblance | F. imitating, ridiculing |
| ___ 42. debating | G. returning, repeatedly |
| ___ 43. aimlessly | H. suddenly |
| ___ 44. ruefully | I. deciding |
| ___ 45. leery | J. amazed, stupefied |

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Vocabulary - *The Scarlet Letter* Chapters 11-13

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. There were men, too, of a sturdier texture of mind than his, and endowed with a far greater share of shrewd, hard, iron, or granite understanding, which . . . constitutes a highly respectable, efficacious, and unamiable variety of the clerical species.
2. Had he told his hearers that he was altogether vile, a viler companion of the vilest, the worst of sinners, an abomination, a thing of unimaginable iniquity . . .
3. An unvaried pall of cloud muffled the whole expanse of sky from zenith to horizon.
4. We impute it, therefore, solely to the disease in his own eye and heart
5. His moral force was abased into more than childish weakness.
6. . . . society was inclined to show its former victim a more benign countenance than she cared to be favored with, or, perchance, than she deserved.
7. Thus, Hester Prynne, whose heart had lost its regular and healthy throb, wandered without a clew in the dark labyrinth of mind: now turned aside by an insurmountable precipice; now starting back from a deep chasm.
8. Finally, all other difficulties being obviated, woman cannot take advantage of these preliminary reforms, until she herself shall have undergone a still mightier change

Vocabulary - *The Scarlet Letter* Chapters 11-13 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| __ 26. unamiable | A. lowered in rank; humbled; humiliated |
| __ 27. iniquity | B. covering that darkens or obscures |
| __ 28. pall | C. not good natured; not agreeable |
| __ 29. impute | D. anticipated and disposed of effectively |
| __ 30. abased | E. sin; wickedness |
| __ 31. benign | F. to attribute |
| __ 32. insurmountable | G. of a kind disposition; gentle or mild |
| __ 33. obviated | H. not capable of being climbed or overcome |

Wow #4

War of the Worlds – Vocabulary Set 4

1. Grotesque: Across the light huge black shapes, grotesque and strange, moved busily to and fro.

2. Gesticulate: It is commonly suppose that they communicate by sounds and tentacular gesticulations.

3. Apathy: Certainly this news excited people intensely, whatever their previous apathy.

4. Incessantly: Steadily, incessantly, each black splash grew and spread, shooting out ramifications this way and that . . .

5. Reproach: And amid the various cries one heard disputes, reproaches, groans of weariness and fatigue; the voices of most of them were hoarse and weak.

6. Lethargic: But the curate was lethargic, unreasonable.

7. Decorum: Their conceptions of ornament and decorum were necessarily different from ours; and not only were they evidently much less sensible of changes of temperature than we are.

8. The red creeper was quite a transitory growth, and few people have seen it growing.

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| — 1. apathy | A. ugly, distorted; gross |
| — 2. decorum | B. hand movement; gestures |
| — 3. gesticulate | C. lack of interest |
| — 4. grotesque | D. lack of energy |
| — 5. incessantly | E. criticism |
| — 6. lethargic | F. non-stop |
| — 7. reproach | G. good manners |
| — 8. transitory | H. lasting a short time |

