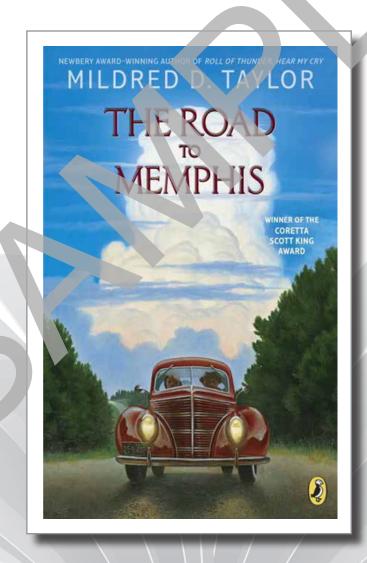


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### **Vocabulary Card Game**

### **Teacher Directions:**

- Photocopy and cut out the following pages.
- Give one card to each student in the class.
- The student who has the starred card begins by reading his/her question.
- The student who has the card with the correct vocabulary word responds and then reads his/her question.
- Play continues in this manner until all cards have been read.

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### condemnation

Who has a word that means guessed?

### surmised

Who has a word that means talk one out of doing something?

### dissuade

Who has a word that means made to desire more?

### whetted

Who has a word that means confused?

### baffled

Who has a word that means a warning?

### admonishment

Who has a word that means indebted?

- 8. How does Cassie know Solomon is not originally from Memphis?
- 9. What is Cassie's reasoning for wanting to become a lawyer?
- 10. What does Cassie do to help Solomon?
- 11. Why is Cassie's heart beating fast when Solomon finds her swaying to the music on the radio?
- 12. What does Solomon do when he finds Cassie listening and dancing to the music of the phonograph?
- 13. What does Solomon give Cassie before they leave to take Moe to the station?
- 14. Why does the shoeshine man make a point to speak to Stacey and the others again?
- 15. What reasoning does Ma Dessie give for Clarence's death?
- 16. What crisis awaits Stacey and Cassie as they return to Strawberry?
- 17. How does Papa know something else is wrong with Cassie?
- 18. How does Sissy deny the fact that Clarence is dead?
- 19. Why does Jeremy nod when Stacey says he won't join the Army until they call him?
- 20. Why does Jeremy refuse a ride from Stacey?

### Cause/Effect Chart

**Directions:** Make a flow chart to show decisions a character made, the decisions s/he could have made, and the result(s) of each. (Use your imagination to speculate on the results of decisions the character could have made.)

