

Vocabulary From Literature for...

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Activity I Matching Definitions Part One, Chapters I – VI

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

contrived (1)	strident (7)	aureole (12)	sanguine (2)
nebulous (9)	plausible (12)	vistas (3)	formidable (10)
specious (12)	tableaux (3)	disarming (10)	borne (13)
truncheon (15)	urbane (11)	inexorably (14)	refrain (16)
inscrutable (17)	impedimenta (21)		

1. _____ having a deceptive appeal or attraction; showy
2. _____ a ring or crown-like circle
3. _____ created in an artistic or ingenious manner
4. _____ a club or baton
5. _____ inspiring awe or wonder; impressive
6. _____ in a manner that is unable to be stopped; relentlessly
7. _____ having the ability to put one at ease or win one over
8. _____ appearing to be believable or reasonable
9. _____ having a harsh, loud, insistent quality
10. _____ possessing especially good manners; polished
11. _____ views along an avenue
12. _____ endured; put up with
13. _____ not easily interpreted; mysterious
14. _____ accessories; equipment
15. _____ a repeated phrase or verse such as a chorus in a song
16. _____ reddish in color
17. _____ vague or indistinct

Activity I
Matching Definitions
Part One, Chapter VII – Part Two, Chapter II

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

inflection (69)	indoctrinate (71)	ideology (71)	puritanism (72)
sinecures (76)	posterity (78)	stratum (78)	amulets (86)
bourgeoisie (91)	slatternly (96)	lassitude (102)	shirk (122)
obeisance (124)			

1. _____ charms worn to protect one against evil
2. _____ dirty or in poor condition because of neglect
3. _____ weariness or fatigue
4. _____ to avoid or evade an obligation
5. _____ strictness, sternness, severity in one's conduct
6. _____ to teach or instruct someone in fundamentals
7. _____ the beliefs and way of thinking of a group of people
8. _____ a bow or gesture of respect or submission
9. _____ the middle class of a society
10. _____ future generations
11. _____ a layer or level
12. _____ positions that require little or no work but provide income
13. _____ a change in pitch or loudness

Activity I
Matching Definitions
Part Two, Chapters III – VIII

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

acrid (149)	superfluous (161)	demur (168)	dissent (135)
driveling (141)	compulsion (143)	gratuitous (137)	pathos (162)
pretext (168)	prosaically (136)	ramifications (156)	sniveling (162)
statuesque (162)			

1. _____ an element that evokes pity, sympathy or compassion
2. _____ a false appearance intended to hide the real motive
3. _____ consequences; results
4. _____ a disagreement or difference of opinion
5. _____ unnecessary; wasteful
6. _____ in a matter of fact way
7. _____ having a crying, whining or tearful manner
8. _____ an objection; resistance
9. _____ a forceful urge or pressure
10. _____ stupid; foolish
11. _____ tall and shapely
12. _____ unpleasant; pungent; offensive
13. _____ unnecessary

Activity I
Matching Definitions
Part Two, Chapter IX – Part Three, Chapter II

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

arbitrary (185)	desultorily (231)	emaciation (234)	empirical (193)
fecundity (187)	feral (181)	insidious (233)	latent (188)
luridly (180)	prevaricate (245)		

1. _____ subtly seductive
2. _____ the state of being very thin or wasted away physically
3. _____ fruitfulness; fertility
4. _____ not fixed by law; based more on individual perception
5. _____ palely; in a gruesome or ghastly way
6. _____ to deviate from the truth
7. _____ brutal; wild
8. _____ present but not visible, obvious or active
9. _____ based on or relying on experience and observation alone
10. _____ purposelessly; irregularly; disconnectedly

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Part Three, Chapter III – Appendix

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

aberrations (305)
disseminate (270)
insurrection (262)

automatons (313)
hedonistic (267)
kindred (300)

didactically (286)
inarticulate (269)
lunacy (262)

1. _____ incapable of being expressed by speech
2. _____ related; of the same roots or origin
3. _____ deviations from the usual, natural or moral type or way
4. _____ acting on the belief that happiness is the greatest good
5. _____ insanity; wild foolishness
6. _____ to spread out or disperse
7. _____ individuals who act in a mechanical fashion; robots
8. _____ a rebellion; revolt
9. _____ in a manner intended to teach or inform