

Vocabulary From Literature for...

The Awakening

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 1-10

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.

jaded (38)	propensity (34)	quadroon (12)	repose (48)
rockaway (19)	beneficent (48)	capricious (41)	diminutive (22)
discernment (32)	droll (23)	supercilious (48)	

1. _____ a judgment, insight
2. _____ a nanny
3. _____ worn out, weary
4. _____ small, tiny
5. _____ beneficial, helpful
6. _____ calmness, tranquility
7. _____ a horse-drawn carriage
8. _____ unpredictable, impulsive
9. _____ tendency
10. _____ arrogant
11. _____ amusing, funny

treadle (39)	unamiable (22)	evinced (17)	festoon (41)
flippancy (47)	chastity (23)	imperiling (39)	impetuous (42)
insidious (22)	contemptuous (26)	crash (32)	

12. _____ unfriendly
 13. _____ a sewing machine
 14. _____ innocence, modesty
 15. _____ exhibited, clearly shown
 16. _____ endangering, jeopardizing
 17. _____ decorations
 18. _____ scornful, insulting
 19. _____ evil, dangerous
 20. _____ impulsive
 21. _____ a coarse fabric used for towels and curtains
 22. _____ disrespect, angered outbursts
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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 11-20

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.

grotesque (52)	suffused (53)	piquant (54)	deprecatory (54)
sardonically (55)	pirogue (55)	solicitude (57)	toilet (59)
trifle (64)	hysterical (64)	pandemonium (82)	

1. _____ a wooden canoe
2. _____ the process of getting dressed
3. _____ concern, anxiety
4. _____ spicy
5. _____ covered
6. _____ a little
7. _____ overly emotional
8. _____ apologetic
9. _____ a wild, chaotic uproar
10. _____ ugly, gross
11. _____ mockingly

commodious (65)	emphatic (67)	maliciously (71)	mulatto (73)
alacrity (77)	repast (79)	ennui (80)	delirium (80)
atelier (81)	contriving (81)	annihilation (2)	

12. _____ passion; excitement
13. _____ a meal
14. _____ planning, scheming
15. _____ boredom
16. _____ a workshop or studio
17. _____ cheerfulness
18. _____ hatefully, spitefully
19. _____ meaningful
20. _____ spacious
21. _____ destruction
22. _____ a person born of one white and one black parent

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 21-29

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.

wiles (96) devolved (97) filial (96) perambulations (95)
palpitant (97) ire (97) unanointed (98)

1. _____ anger
2. _____ depended
3. _____ tricks
4. _____ affectionate
5. _____ unconsecrated, not holy
6. _____ walks, strolls
7. _____ shaking, trembling

ponderous (99) mettle (100) eiderdown (101) nonplused (105)
languid (105) ingenuous (105) prolific (109) mackintosh (110)

8. _____ confused
9. _____ courage
10. _____ lazy, sluggish, slow
11. _____ boring, tedious
12. _____ sincere, honest
13. _____ a comforter, blanket
14. _____ a raincoat
15. _____ abundant, plentiful

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 30-39

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.

ensconced (130)
rendezvous (158)
sally (124)

lorgnettes (123)
irresolute (138)
witticisms (123)

cur (150)
subterfuges (148)

volubility (125)
unimpressible (153)

1. _____ a meeting
2. _____ strong willed, unable to be influenced
3. _____ to go out
4. _____ opera glasses
5. _____ deceptions
6. _____ fluency
7. _____ jokes, witty remarks
8. _____ settled, nestled
9. _____ a coward
10. _____ undecided

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Activity II
Writing Definitions and Sentences
from Context Clues
Chapters 30-39

Directions: For each highlighted word, write a definition that fits the context of the passage. Then, check your answers by looking the words up in the dictionary. Finally, write a sentence using each word. The first one is done for you as an example.

1. She answered her husband with friendly **evasiveness**,—not with any fixed design to mislead him, only because all sense of reality had gone out of her life;...(Pg. 146)

Example: Definition for **evasiveness**: avoidance, indirectness

The suspect answered with **evasiveness** when questioned by the police about the robbery.

2. Part of the distance they rode in the car, and after disembarking, passed the Pontellier mansion, which looked broken and half torn **asunder**. (Pg. 138)

Definition for **asunder**: _____

3. A vision—a **transcendently** seductive vision of a Mexican girl arose before her. She writhed with a jealous pang. (Pg. 143)

Definition for **transcendently**: _____

