

Vocabulary From Literature

*Adventures of
Huckleberry Finn*

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters I–XI

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. For unfamiliar words, consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

reckoned (2)
ransomed (7)
pow-wow (9)

monstrous (5)
cluttered (7)
starchy (14)

skiff (5)
Providence (8)
stanchion (17)

carcass (6)
ornery (9)
soundings (17)

1. _____ stiff, formal
2. _____ a discussion; conference
3. _____ overly full of things; messy
4. _____ guiding divine force
5. _____ a dead body
6. _____ released for money
7. _____ thought or supposed
8. _____ huge; great
9. _____ a small boat
10. _____ stubborn; contrary
11. _____ an upright support

starboard (27)
toted (19)
slough (25)

calculating (11)
vials (38)
shanty (23)

stern (27)
contrived (46)
peddle (41)

bow (19)
stow (19)

12. _____ a measurement of depth
13. _____ to hold in a safe place
14. _____ a small, shabby dwelling
15. _____ the rear of a boat
16. _____ the right-hand side of a boat
17. _____ a swamp, bog, or marsh
18. _____ carried or hauled
19. _____ the front part of a boat
20. _____ invented; artificial
21. _____ small glass bottles
22. _____ sell
23. _____ scheming; manipulative

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters XII-XX

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. For unfamiliar words, consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

truck (51)
pendulum (75)
capered (82)
premature (94)
cipher (95)
brazen (99)

careened (53)
tributes (78)
revival (91)
exiled (94)
frocks (99)
concern (101)

spunk (68)
pined (78)
degraded (92)
humbugs (95)
courting (99)
benefactors (100)

1. _____ wooing; desiring the affections of another person
2. _____ those who help others
3. _____ payment in goods instead of money
4. _____ something that swings freely
5. _____ tilted
6. _____ dresses; gowns; clothing
7. _____ business or establishment
8. _____ bold; showing no shame
9. _____ compute; figure out; determine
10. _____ works in memory of someone
11. _____ a religious meeting
12. _____ lowered in rank or status
13. _____ banished
14. _____ too early
15. _____ frolicked; jumped playfully
16. _____ wicked people
17. _____ wasted away with grief
18. _____ courage; determination; spirit

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters XXI – End

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. For unfamiliar words, consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

bray (102)	warbling (151)	husky (153)	soliloquy (102)
provisions (115)	sublime (102)	sultry (218)	unfurled (207)
addled (192)	hewed (165)	bodkin (103)	contumely (103)
consummation (103)	devoutly (103)	sluice (154)	whelps (173)
bogus (164)			

1. _____ a dramatic monologue
2. _____ a dagger
3. _____ to make a sound like a donkey
4. _____ with earnestness and sincerity
5. _____ an artificial channel for water
6. _____ rudeness or insult
7. _____ large, strong person
8. _____ grand; exalted; majestic
9. _____ an end; conclusion; outcome
10. _____ singing
11. _____ hot; steamy; nearly suffocating
12. _____ unfolded; opened from a folded state
13. _____ confused and disoriented
14. _____ a negative term for children
15. _____ sawed or cut
16. _____ false; fake
17. _____ food; a stock of materials

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Activity II
Writing Definitions and Sentences
from Context Clues
Chapters XXI– End

Directions: Carefully read each excerpt from these chapters and try to determine a definition for the indicated vocabulary word based on the context clues. Then write a sentence using each word. As a last resort, you may use a dictionary.

1. Why don't your juries hang murderers? Because they're afraid the man's friends will shoot them in the back, in the dark – and its just what they *would* do.

So they always **acquit**; and then a *man* goes in the night, with a hundred masked cowards at his back, and lynches the rascal. (Pg. 110)

Definition for **acquit**:

Sentence for **acquit**:

2. Well, by-and-by the king he get up and comes forward a little, and works himself up and slobbers out a speech, all full of tears and flap-doodle about its being a sore **trial** for him and his poor brother to lose the diseased and to miss seeing the diseased alive, after the long journey of four thousand mile, but it's a trial that's sweetened and **sanctified** to us by this dear sympathy and these holy tears, and so he thanks them out of his heart and out of his brother's heart, because of their mouths they can't, words being too weak and cold, and all that kind of rot and such, till it was just sickening; and then he blubbers out a **pious** goody-goody Amen, and turns himself loose and goes to crying fit to bust. (Pg. 124)

A. Definition for **trial**:

Sentence for **trial**:

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Activity III
Synonyms
Chapters XXI- End

Directions: Replace each highlighted word in the following passages from the text with an appropriate synonym. You may use a dictionary, but be careful that the word you select does not greatly alter the meaning of the passage.

1.

also:
(by special request,
Hamlet's **Immortal** Soliloquy!!
By the **Illustrious** Kean!
Done by him 300 **consecutive** nights in Paris!
For One Night Only,
On account of **imperative** European engagements!
Admission 25 cents; children and servants, 10 cents
(Pg. 104)

A. Synonym for **immortal**:

B. Synonym for **illustrious**:

C. Synonym for **consecutive**:

D. Synonym for **imperative**:

2. Then he turns and goes in. The crowd looked mighty **sober**; nobody stirred, and there warn't no more laughing. (Pg. 107)

Synonym for **sober**:

3. Well, pretty soon the whole town was there, **squirming**... (Pg. 109)

Synonym for **squirming**: