

Vocabulary From Literature

Lord of the Flies

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Chapter 1

Activity I

Matching Definitions

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.

enormity (31)

suffusion (23)

pliant (26)

efflorescence (12)

motif (12)

twining (29)

bastion (29)

mortification (23)

effulgence (14)

1. _____ blossoming
2. _____ flush; blush; color
3. _____ shame; humiliation
4. _____ hugeness; importance
5. _____ single or repeated design
6. _____ brilliance
7. _____ structure supporting a fort
8. _____ able to bend or flex
9. _____ curving; twisting
10. _____ image produced by distortion of air

astern (29)

flailed (30)

mirage (25)

conch (15)

garment (19)

petered (29)

waxen (30)

communion (27)

prominent (10)

11. _____ dwindled; diminished
12. _____ backwards; to the rear
13. _____ an article of clothing
14. _____ thrashed about
15. _____ a large, spiral shell
16. _____ yellowish like wax
17. _____ sticking out; extended
18. _____ sharing of thoughts and emotions

Chapters 2-3

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pall (45)	opaque (53)	avidly (49)
rapt (54)	trodden (49)	sprinter (48)
pendant (48)	tendrils (48)	

- _____ a dark cloud
- _____ hanging
- _____ a threadlike part of a climbing plant
- _____ short distance runner
- _____ eagerly; greedily
- _____ flattened by walking
- _____ not allowing light through
- _____ giving complete attention to

evacuation (32)	officious (40)	leeward (41)
silhouette (43)	tiling (50)	conspiratorial (37)
windward (41)	differentiated (41)	

- _____ withdrawal from
- _____ the direction from which the wind blows
- _____ the direction the wind is blowing
- _____ self-important
- _____ dark shape seen against a light background
- _____ covering or flooring
- _____ distinguished between
- _____ sharing in a secret

Chapters 4-5

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sombre (70)
solemnity (78)

gyration (72)
malevolently (71)

engulfing (67)

1. _____ seriousness
2. _____ circular or spiral motion
3. _____ maliciously
4. _____ gloomy; melancholy
5. _____ swallowing up

taut (65)
whelming (58)

sinewy (64)
swarthy (62)

preposterous (62)
opalescence (58)

6. _____ tightly stretched
7. _____ muscular
8. _____ darkness, especially of complexion
9. _____ contrary to reason
10. _____ submerging
11. _____ iridescence

fibrous (62)
incantation (94)

effigy (87)
belligerence (60)

tempestuously (91)
mimicry (91)

12. _____ aggression
13. _____ containing threads or strings
14. _____ representation or likeness of
15. _____ furiously
16. _____ mocking imitation
17. _____ magic spell

Chapters 6-8

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causeway (106)
flailing (98)
polyp (105)

contemptuously (101)
haunt (116)
vexed (139)

coverts (109)
plinth (106)
wallow (109)

1. _____ square rock serving as a base
2. _____ raised path or road across wet ground or water
3. _____ covered or protected hiding places
4. _____ to roll about or lie relaxed in
5. _____ a gathering place
6. _____ troubled
7. _____ an invertebrate marine animal
8. _____ waving or swinging wildly
9. _____ with scorn

embroiled (102)
sniggered (97)
tremulously (99)

fitful (96)
exulting (106)
bravado (122)

chasm (105)
sagely (118)
emphatic (101)

10. _____ with wisdom
11. _____ deep valley or gorge
12. _____ with hesitation or fear
13. _____ laughed; giggled
14. _____ forcefully or strongly done
15. _____ uneasy; with interruptions
16. _____ false bravery
17. _____ with joy or triumph
18. _____ involved in; in the middle of

Chapters 9-12

Activity I

Matching Definitions

Directions: Match each vocabulary word in the list with its correct definition. For unfamiliar words, consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete than those below, and you may need to interpret them.

sulphurous (152)

garlanded (149)

phosphorescence (153)

myopia (169)

buffet (146)

quavered (167)

toiled (146)

corpulent (146)

1. _____ to drive; force; hit
2. _____ decorated
3. _____ fat
4. _____ worked wearily
5. _____ violent fiery
6. _____ luminescence
7. _____ trembled
8. _____ inability to see far

pinnacle (174)

eclipsed (186)

inquisitive (154)

cessation (178)

parried (179)

wary (200)

felled (179)

cordon (191)

propitiatingly (173)

9. _____ peaks
10. _____ discontinuation; stopping
11. _____ knocked down
12. _____ deflected
13. _____ obscured; covered
14. _____ a line of troops
15. _____ cautious; circumspect
16. _____ curious
17. _____ in an appeasing or pacifying way