

Vocabulary From Literature for...

Night

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Pages 3-28

Directions: Match each of the following words 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.

abstract (9)	abyss (25)	anecdotes (12)	annihilate (8)
apparatus (12)	conflagration (21)	delusion (12)	diplomacy (8)
disquieting (9)	divinity (5)	edict (10)	emigration (8)
exterminate (8)	hermetically (24)	indiscriminately (16)	

- _____ an official order; a decree
- _____ a large, uncontrolled fire
- _____ tightly; in a way that is closed completely
- _____ relating to interactions between government
- _____ short, interesting, and often amusing true stories
- _____ (figuratively) an approaching threat or disaster; (literally) a seemingly dark and bottomless pit
- _____ randomly; without a method or plan
- _____ a fantasy; a thought that is not based on reality
- _____ to destroy completely
- _____ a move to another country
- _____ to murder; slaughter
- _____ a system of organization
- _____ the nature of religion; relating to God or a sacred being
- _____ a complex idea or concept
- _____ worrisome; troubling

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Matching Definitions
Pages 29-65

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.

altruistic (48)	convalescent (38)	dissipated (60)	elude (32)
imperative (30)	imprudent (54)	interrogating (30)	invectives (30)
notorious (31)	oblivion (36)	quarantine (48)	sabotage (63)
tumult (30)	veiled (37)	vigor (35)	

- _____ the condition of forgetting or having forgotten
- _____ absolutely necessary or required
- _____ physical or mental strength, energy, or force
- _____ one recovering from sickness or disability
- _____ a destructive or obstructive action carried out to hinder a nation's war effort
- _____ unselfishly devoted to the welfare of others
- _____ insulting or abusive words or expressions
- _____ a disorderly commotion or disturbance
- _____ to avoid or escape; evade
- _____ a condition of enforced isolation
- _____ lacking clarity or distinctness
- _____ examining by questions
- _____ widely and unfavorably known
- _____ unwise; rash; lacking good judgment
- _____ broken up and scattered

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Pages 66-115

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.

apathy (92)	curtly (108)	diminish (91)	dregs (100)
ensued (101)	faltering (85)	grudgingly (107)	knell (84)
masquerade (83)	melancholy (95)	pending (81)	poignant (95)
protruded (105)	riveted (109)	transcended (87)	

1. _____ rose above or went beyond the limits of something
2. _____ a party in which people wear costumes; a disguise
3. _____ about to happen; while awaiting something
4. _____ moving in an unsteady manner; walking unsteadily or stumbling
5. _____ a lack of interest or concern; indifference
6. _____ a sound announcing the death of a person the sound of a bell ringing; toll
7. _____ to make smaller; reduce
8. _____ distressing to the feelings moving; sorrowful
9. _____ the remains; a residue
10. _____ rudely; briefly shortly
11. _____ held (as infirmly tin he attention or the eyeview) firmly
12. _____ reluctantly; unwillingly given or allowed unwillingly
13. _____ followed as a consequence or happened as a result
14. _____ jutted out; projected
15. _____ mournful; depressed; sad

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Activity II
Writing Definitions and Sentences
from Context Clues
Pages 66-115

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

1. What are You, my God? I thought angrily. How do You compare to this **stricken** mass gathered to affirm to You their faith, their anger, their defiance?...Why do you go on troubling these poor people's wounded minds, their ailing bodies? (Pg. 66)

Example: **stricken**: wounded; affected by something overwhelming

I could see from the **stricken** look on her face that the news surprised and upset her.

2. All I could do was follow the movements of his lips. I barely understood what he was telling me, but the **inflection** of his voice soothed me. (Pg. 79)

Definition for **inflection**:

Sentence for **inflection**:

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Activity III
Synonyms
Pages 66-115

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

1. That news made us wonder. Were the SS really going to leave hundreds of prisoners behind in the infirmaries, **pending** the arrival of their liberators? (Pg. 81)

Synonym for **pending**:

2. He was the only rabbi whom nobody ever failed to address as “Rabbi” in Buna. He looked like one of those prophets of old, always in the midst of his people when they needed to be **consoled**. (Pg. 90)

Synonym for **consoled**:

3. He had felt his father growing weaker and, believing that the end was near, had thought by this separation to free himself of a burden that could **diminish** his own chance for survival. (Pg. 91)

Synonym for **diminish**:
