

Vocabulary From Literature for...

*Their Eyes Were
Watching God
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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 1-5

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.

resignation (1)	intimate (4)	treacherous (5)	commenced (10)
former (11)	persistent (12)	snagging (13)	desecrating (14)
queer (16)	flounced (18)	compel (21)	malice (22)
mien (24)	ether (25)		

- _____ strange
- _____ an unresisting acceptance
- _____ a manner of behavior or appearance
- _____ previous; past
- _____ to cause through force
- _____ private; personal
- _____ a desire to cause harm
- _____ began
- _____ dishonoring; polluting
- _____ tangling; getting caught
- _____ moved with exaggeration
- _____ the clear sky; the heavens
- _____ untrustworthy; unreliable
- _____ continued; lasting

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 6-10

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.

spare (51)	dolefully (52)	strict (52)	spite (52)
ornery (53)	varmint (53)	wallowing (55)	spectacle (56)
liable (58)	gumption (58)	corrupt (61)	hyperbole (63)
paunch (92)	vicinity (94)		

1. _____ likely
2. _____ a nearby area or region
3. _____ an obvious exaggeration
4. _____ sorrowfully; mournfully
5. _____ lean or thin
6. _____ taking great pleasure
7. _____ an undesirable animal
8. _____ to spoil or taint
9. _____ a public show
10. _____ mean-spirited; stubborn
11. _____ a potbelly
12. _____ courage; guts
13. _____ a desire to annoy or frustrate
14. _____ complete, precise, and careful

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 11-15

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.

snub (100)	pitch (100)	temporized (101)	restrained (101)
squat (103)	rounder (104)	newel (105)	jook (106)
console (106)	bucking (107)	pretense (109)	bore (116)
worried (118)	hordes (131)		

- _____ large groups
- _____ a false show; make-believe
- _____ gave
- _____ a post that supports a handrail on a staircase
- _____ to ignore or dismiss
- _____ gnawed at something; troubled
- _____ leaping upward
- _____ a restaurant that also has gambling and dancing
- _____ a small amount
- _____ to comfort
- _____ musical tone
- _____ limited; held back
- _____ compromised
- _____ a person who is always drunk

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 16-20

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.

droves (139)	subtle (139)	bas-relief (140)	remedy (140)
sacrilege (142)	transmutation (145)	defilement (145)	petted (147)
grub (150)	fracas (152)	profusely (153)	laden (154)
fretful (192)	meshes (193)		

- _____ changing into something more valuable
- _____ large numbers
- _____ a noisy fight
- _____ the threads of a woven fabric
- _____ in a great amount
- _____ the violation of something sacred
- _____ to cure; to heal
- _____ a sculpture in which figures stick out from the background
- _____ making unclean; polluting
- _____ loaded down
- _____ food
- _____ indulged; pampered
- _____ difficult to perceive
- _____ impatient; restless

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Activity II
Synonyms and Definitions
Chapters 16-20

Directions: For each excerpt from these chapters, select the correct definition or synonym from the choices provided for each vocabulary word. As a last resort, you may use the dictionary but the definition or synonym you select for each word must make sense in the context it is being used in the passage.

1. Mrs. Turner was almost screaming in **fanatical earnestness** by now. Janie was dumb and **bewildered** before and she **clucked** sympathetically and wished she knew what to say. It was so evident that Mrs. Turner took black folk as a personal **affront** to herself. (Pg. 142)

Definition for **fanatical**:

- A. crazy
- B. evil
- C. angry
- D. enthusiastic
- E. strong

Synonym for **earnestness**:

- A. frivolousness
- B. sincerity
- C. resistance
- D. worry
- E. viciousness

Definition for **bewildered**:

- A. uncaring
- B. silent
- C. tired
- D. confused
- E. upset

Definition for **clucked**:

- A. made a noise like a hen
- B. shrugged
- C. shook her head
- D. nodded like a chicken
- E. sighed

Synonym for **affront**:

- A. something necessary
- B. an insult
- C. an arrangement
- D. a mission
- E. a devil