

Vocabulary - *Huckleberry Finn* Chapters 12-14

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. It was kind of solemn, drifting down the big, still river...

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2. ...I seen that wreck laying there so mournful and lonesome in the middle of the river.

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3. ..."I can't rest, Jim, till we give her a rummaging.

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4. The lightning showed us the wreck again just in time, and we fetched the stabboard derrick and made it fast in time.

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5. But before they got in I was up in the upper berth cornered and sorry I come.

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Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 12-14. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 1. solemn    | A. a crane                  |
| ___ 2. mournful  | B. having a respectful calm |
| ___ 3. rummaging | C. a place to sleep         |
| ___ 4. derrick   | D. sad                      |
| ___ 5. berth     | E. searching                |