

Words used by HARPER LEE

Vocabulary Group 10

ASSUAGE (*verb*) to ease the pain of; to soothe; to relieve

TACITURN (*adjective*) untalkative by nature; reluctant to join in conversation

ECCENTRIC (*adjective*) a little kooky; peculiar; odd

VAPID (*adjective*) dull; spiritless

PREDILECTION (*noun*) a natural preference for something

NEBULOUS (*adjective*) vague; hazy; lacking definite form or limits

INDIGENOUS (*adjective*) native; belonging to a place; originating in that area

MYOPIC (*adjective*) lack of long-range perspective in thinking or planning; narrow-minded

TEMERITY (*noun*) boldness; recklessness; audacity

SPURIOUS (*adjective*) fake; false; bogus

Words used by RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Vocabulary Group 11

LATENT (*adjective*) present but not visible or apparent

PROVIDENCE (*noun*) divine direction; care or preparation in advance; foresight

CONTEMPORARY (*noun*) a person belonging to the same time or period with another
(*adjective*) belonging to the same time

TRANSCENDENT (*adjective*) going beyond or above

BENEFACTOR (*noun*) one who provides help, especially in the form of a gift or donation

CAPITULATE (*verb*) to surrender; to give up or give in

ARDUOUS (*adjective*) hard; difficult

OVERT (*adjective*) open to view or knowledge; not concealed or secret

STERN (*adjective*) firm, strict, or uncompromising

AMELIORATION (*noun*) improvement

Words used by HENRY DAVID THOREAU and LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Vocabulary Group 12

CIVIL (*adjective*) relating to citizens; polite

EXPEDIENT (*adjective*) serving one's immediate self-interest

TRANSGRESS (*verb*) to violate a law or command; to sin

SUPERFLUOUS (*adjective*) unnecessary; redundant

SANCTION (*noun*) permission (*verb*) to allow; to punish so as to deter

REPOSE (*noun*) peace; tranquility; the state of being at rest

PECUNIARY (*adjective*) involving money or a fine; financial

ASSIDUOUS (*adjective*) hardworking; constantly busy

SECULAR (*adjective*) worldly rather than spiritual; having nothing to do with religion

COPIOUS (*adjective*) plentiful; large in quantity or number
