

Words used by WILLA CATHER

Vocabulary Group 16

ADVENT (*noun*) a start or an arrival

CORPULENT (*adjective*) excessively fat; obese

INSIPID (*adjective*) without flavor; dull; unexciting

INDOLENT (*adjective*) lazy

DECOROUS (*adjective*) showing dignity and good taste

PRECIPITATE (*verb*) to cause to happen abruptly (*adjective*) unwisely hasty or rash

ENIGMA (*noun*) a mystery

DUBIOUS (*adjective*) uncertain; full of doubt

GENIAL (*adjective*) pleasantly and warmly cheerful

LITHE (*adjective*) flexible; bending easily; showing effortless grace

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REPROVE (*verb*) to criticize, perhaps gently; to find fault with

STOLID (*adjective*) unemotional; not easily excited

STOUT (*adjective*) bulky in figure; heavily built; sturdy; stubborn

SURLY (*adjective*) unfriendly or hostile

TANGIBLE (*adjective*) able to be touched; real, rather than imaginary

LACONIC (*adjective*) using few words; concise; expressing much in few words

REVERIE (*noun*) daydream

PETULANT (*adjective*) rude; cranky

RANCOR (*noun*) bitter, long-lasting resentment; a feeling of deep anger and ill-will

HAGGARD (*adjective*) appearing worn and exhausted

Words used by JOHN STEINBECK

Vocabulary Group 18

COMPLACENT (*adjective*) self-satisfied and unconcerned; smug

DISPARAGE (*verb*) discredit; ridicule; belittle

DOCILE (*adjective*) easily taught; easy to handle; obedient

FALLIBLE (*adjective*) capable of making an error

FATUOUS (*adjective*) idiotic; foolish; silly

IMPERTURBABLE (*adjective*) incapable of being disturbed

INCIPIENT (*adjective*) beginning to exist or appear; emerging

JUDICIOUS (*adjective*) exercising or showing good judgment

NONCHALANCE (*noun*) the trait of staying calm and seeming not to care

STAUNCH (*adjective*) firm and dependable, especially in loyalty
