

Vocabulary Group 13 — *from Siddhartha*

AVARICIOUS (*adjective*) greedy; extremely desirous of wealth or possessions

ONEROUS (*adjective*) burdensome; oppressive

EQUANIMITY (*noun*) mental or emotional stability or composure, especially under tension

ARDENT (*adjective*) passionate; enthusiastic

SERVILE (*adjective*) submissive and subservient; like a servant

PRECOCIOUS (*adjective*) unusually mature in development, especially in mental development

INTRINSIC (*adjective*) part of the essential nature of something

INCANTATION (*noun*) a chant; the repetition of phrases that is similar to a chant

VOCATION (*noun*) an occupation; a job someone feels called to do

INDOLENT (*adjective*) lazy

Vocabulary Group 14 — *from Siddhartha*

PROFOUND (*adjective*) deep and complete; showing great emotional or intellectual depth

ABATE (*verb*) to make or become less; to reduce

IMPERTURBABLE (*adjective*) incapable of being disturbed

ERUDITION (*noun*) extensive knowledge gained through reading and study

CIRCUITOUS (*adjective*) roundabout; not following a direct path

PRUDENT (*adjective*) careful; showing foresight and good judgment in practical matters

LAMENT (*verb*) to mourn deeply

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

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

PIOUS (*adjective*) very devout or religious (but sometimes only for show)

Vocabulary Group 15 — *from Of Mice and Men*

ALOOF (*adverb*) at a distance, especially in feeling or interest (*adjective*) distant; not friendly

BELLIGERENT (*adjective*) warlike; aggressive; eager to fight

DEROGATORY (*adjective*) tending to lessen or belittle the value of something

MOLLIFY (*verb*) to calm or soften in feeling or temper

PLAINTIVE (*adjective*) expressing sorrow or melancholy; sounding sad or mournful

PUGNACIOUS (*adjective*) ready and eager to fight; toughened by experience

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

DERISION (*adjective*) ridicule; scorn; mockery

IMPERIOUS (*adjective*) bossy; arrogant; like a dictator

MOROSE (*adjective*) gloomy; ill-tempered
