

Vocabulary Group **16** — More words from *The Red Badge of Courage*

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**PLACID** (*adjective*) peaceful; pleasantly calm

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**POIGNANT** (*adjective*) extremely moving; painfully emotional

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**PORTAL** (*noun*) an entry point; a door, gate, or entrance

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**PROSPECTIVE** (*adjective*) likely or expected

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**PROSTRATE** (*verb*) to lay flat, as on the ground (*adjective*) lying face downward; exhausted

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**RETRIBUTION** (*noun*) a justly deserved penalty; revenge

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**SERENE** (*adjective*) calm; peaceful; clear

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**TUMULT** (*noun*) uproar; noisy commotion; disturbance

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**UNDAUNTED** (*adjective*) fearless; not discouraged

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**VOCIFEROUS** (*adjective*) loud; noisy; boisterous

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Vocabulary Group **17** — Words used by Willa Cather in *O Pioneers!*

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**ADVENT** (*noun*) a start or an arrival

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**CORPULENT** (*adjective*) excessively fat; obese

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

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**INDOLENT** (*adjective*) lazy

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**DECOROUS** (*adjective*) showing dignity and good taste

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

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**ENIGMA** (*noun*) a mystery

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**DUBIOUS** (*adjective*) uncertain; full of doubt

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**GENIAL** (*adjective*) pleasantly and warmly cheerful

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

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Vocabulary Group **18** — More words from *O Pioneers!*

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

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**STOLID** (*adjective*) unemotional; not easily excited

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

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**SURLY** (*adjective*) unfriendly or hostile

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

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

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**REVERIE** (*noun*) daydream

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**PETULANT** (*adjective*) rude; cranky

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**SOLICITUDE** (*noun*) anxiety or concern

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**INCESSANT** (*adjective*) never stopping; ceaseless

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