

Vocabulary Group **10** — Words from *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*

DESTITUTE (*adjective*) very poor; deficient

AUGMENT (*verb*) to increase; to make bigger

INCREDULOUS (*adjective*) skeptical; showing unbelief

IMPUNITY (*noun*) freedom from punishment

PERNICIOUS (*adjective*) deadly; extremely evil

ODIOUS (*adjective*) highly offensive; hateful

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

DEFERENCE (*noun*) respect; courtesy; submission to the will of another

PROFANE (*adjective*) showing disrespect for sacred things (*verb*) to make foul or unclean

BLASPHEMY (*noun*) an insult to something considered sacred

Vocabulary Group **11** — More words from *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*

PALPABLE (*adjective*) capable of being touched; obvious

CANDOR (*noun*) truthfulness; sincere honesty

CONJECTURE (*noun*) a guess based on insufficient proof (*verb*) to make a guess

INFERNAL (*adjective*) hellish; diabolical; extremely troublesome

MANIFEST (*adjective*) easily perceived; obvious (*verb*) to show plainly

OBDURATE (*adjective*) unsympathetic and hardhearted; stubborn and insensitive

PRUDENCE (*noun*) wisdom and caution; discretion

VINDICATE (*verb*) to clear from suspicion or blame

MYRIAD (*adjective*) countless (*noun*) a huge number

TIMID (*adjective*) shy; lacking self-confidence

Vocabulary Group **12** — Words used by Mark Twain in *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

GAUDY (*adjective*) brightly or excessively showy, but lacking in good taste; cheap and flashy

ARISTOCRACY (*noun*) a class of privileged persons

PENSIVE (*adjective*) thoughtful and sad

HISTRIONIC (*adjective*) overly dramatic and theatrical; excessively emotional

CONTRITE (*adjective*) feeling or showing pain and regret over sins or offenses; remorseful

TEMPERANCE (*noun*) moderation or self-restraint; abstinence from alcohol

SULTRY (*adjective*) sweltering; emitting great heat; arousing passion

BRAZEN (*adjective*) shameless; bold

CONTRIVE (*verb*) to plan or plot cleverly; to make inventively

CAVORT (*verb*) to play boisterously; to prance about in a festive manner
