

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

SARDONIC (*adjective*) scornful; bitterly sarcastic; mocking

POIGNANT (*adjective*) extremely moving; painfully emotional

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

PROSPECTIVE (*adjective*) likely or expected

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

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

SERENE (*adjective*) calm; peaceful; clear

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

UNDAUNTED (*adjective*) fearless; not discouraged

VOCIFEROUS (*adjective*) loud; noisy; boisterous

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

ADVENT (*noun*) a start or an arrival

CORPULENT (*adjective*) excessively fat; obese

PUISSANT (*adjective*) powerful; potent; mighty

INDULGENCE (*noun*) a favor or a privilege, perhaps to an extreme

PENANCE (*noun*) a voluntary punishment one takes to make up for sin or wrongdoing

PROFICIENT (*adjective*) highly competent; skilled

RIGOR (*noun*) strictness; difficulty; rigidity

DUBIOUS (*adjective*) uncertain; full of doubt

GENIAL (*adjective*) pleasantly and warmly cheerful

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

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

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

STALWART (*adjective*) strongly built; strong and brave; uncompromising

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

REVERIE (*noun*) daydream

PETULANT (*adjective*) rude; cranky

SOLICITUDE (*noun*) anxiety or concern

INCESSANT (*adjective*) never stopping; ceaseless
