

Words used by HARPER LEE

Vocabulary Group 10

ASSUAGE (*verb*) to ease the pain of; to soothe; to relieve

TACITURN (*adjective*) untalkative by nature; reluctant to join in conversation

PENSIVE (*adjective*) thinking seriously or deeply, often with some sadness

VAPID (*adjective*) dull; spiritless

PREDILECTION (*noun*) a natural preference for something

NEBULOUS (*adjective*) vague; hazy; lacking definite form or limits

INDIGENOUS (*adjective*) native; belonging to a place; originating in that area

MYOPIC (*adjective*) lack of long-range perspective in thinking or planning; narrow-minded

TEMERITY (*noun*) boldness; recklessness; audacity

SPURIOUS (*adjective*) fake; false; bogus

Words used by ABOLITIONISTS: WHITTIER, WHITMAN, STOWE

Vocabulary Group 11

ARBITRATOR (*noun*) a person chosen to settle differences; a judge

VEHEMENT (*adjective*) forceful; intense; strongly emotional or passionate

ROBUST (*adjective*) strong and healthy

FETTER (*noun*) something that restricts (*verb*) to restrain; to limit freedom or movement

COHERE (*verb*) to hold together; to be logically or naturally connected

DIFFUSE (*adjective*) dispersed (*verb*) to spread out

SLOVEN (*noun*) a person who is routinely careless and untidy

VOLITION (*noun*) a conscious decision or choice; the act of willing or resolving

PLIANT (*adjective*) flexible; easily bent or persuaded

HAUGHTY (*adjective*) arrogant; snobby; showing great pride in oneself but contempt for others

Words used by TRANSCENDENTALISTS: EMERSON, THOREAU, ALCOTT

Vocabulary Group 12

CAPITULATE (*verb*) to surrender; to give up or give in

OVERT (*adjective*) open to view or knowledge; not concealed or secret

AMELIORATION (*noun*) improvement

CIVIL (*adjective*) relating to citizens; polite

EXPEDIENT (*adjective*) serving one's immediate self-interest

TRANSGRESS (*verb*) to violate a law or command; to sin

SANCTION (*noun*) permission (*verb*) to allow; to punish so as to deter

SECULAR (*adjective*) worldly rather than spiritual; having nothing to do with religion

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

MUNDANE (*adjective*) ordinary; commonplace; earthly rather than heavenly
