

Words used by WILLA CATHER

Vocabulary Group 16

ADVENT (*noun*) a start or an arrival

CORPULENT (*adjective*) excessively fat; obese

GENIAL (*adjective*) pleasantly and warmly cheerful

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

IMPERVIOUS (*adjective*) incapable of being affected, injured or passed through

STOLID (*adjective*) unemotional; not easily excited

PUISSANT (*adjective*) powerful; potent; mighty

SURLY (*adjective*) unfriendly or hostile

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

VACILLATE (*verb*) to sway from one side to the other; to be indecisive

Words used by JOHN STEINBECK

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DISPARAGE (*verb*) discredit; ridicule; belittle

DOCILE (*adjective*) easily taught; easy to handle; obedient

FALLIBLE (*adjective*) capable of making an error

FATUOUS (*adjective*) idiotic; foolish; silly

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

NONCHALANCE (*noun*) the trait of staying calm and seeming not to care

STAUNCH (*adjective*) firm and dependable, especially in loyalty

JOVIAL (*adjective*) good-humored and full of fun

PATERNAL (*adjective*) fatherly; related on the father's side of the family

SMUG (*adjective*) self-satisfied to an annoying degree; too pleased with one's own cleverness

Words used by JACK LONDON

Vocabulary Group 18

REJOINER (*noun*) an answer to a reply; a comeback

SALIENT (*adjective*) relevant; prominent; conspicuous

DOGMATIC (*adjective*) stubbornly sticking to unproven ideas

FURTIVE (*adjective*) secretive; sly

EPITOME (*noun*) the perfect example of something

REPRISAL (*noun*) an act of retaliation against an enemy that inflicts equal or greater harm

GREGARIOUS (*adjective*) very sociable; enjoying the company of others

PARSIMONY (*noun*) stinginess

INEXORABLE (*adjective*) unavoidable; inevitable

UBIQUITOUS (*adjective*) being everywhere at the same time
