

Words used by MARK TWAIN

Vocabulary Group 13

VERNACULAR	<i>(noun)</i> common, everyday speech used by ordinary people
ARISTOCRACY	<i>(noun)</i> a class of privileged persons
HISTRIONIC	<i>(adjective)</i> overly dramatic and theatrical; excessively emotional
CONTRITE	<i>(adjective)</i> feeling or showing pain and regret over sins or offenses; remorseful
TEMPERANCE	<i>(adjective)</i> moderation or self-restraint; abstinence from alcohol
PREVARICATE	<i>(verb)</i> to mislead; to speak falsely
EFFUSION	<i>(noun)</i> a pouring forth, such as an overflowing of liquid or emotion
BEQUEST	<i>(noun)</i> something left to someone in a will
CAVORT	<i>(verb)</i> to play boisterously; to prance about in a festive manner
CIPHER	<i>(verb)</i> to calculate mathematically <i>(noun)</i> zero; person or thing of no importance

Words used by STEPHEN CRANE

Vocabulary Group 14

ABJECT	<i>(adjective)</i> hopeless; defeated; miserable
AUDACITY	<i>(noun)</i> shameless boldness; reckless daring
CELERITY	<i>(noun)</i> speed; swiftness
EFFECTUAL	<i>(adjective)</i> successful in producing the desired results
FUTILE	<i>(adjective)</i> hopeless; useless
IMPEL	<i>(verb)</i> to drive or cause to move onward; propel
INTERMINABLE	<i>(adjective)</i> endless; lasting, or seeming to last, forever
OBLIQUE	<i>(adjective)</i> indirect; evasive; misleading
PERPETUAL	<i>(adjective)</i> continuing or enduring forever
POIGNANT	<i>(adjective)</i> extremely moving; painfully emotional

Vocabulary Group 15

PORTAL	<i>(noun)</i> an entry point; a door, gate, or entrance
PROSPECTIVE	<i>(adjective)</i> likely or expected
PROSTRATE	<i>(verb)</i> to lay flat, as on the ground <i>(adjective)</i> lying face downward; exhausted
QUERULOUS	<i>(adjective)</i> full of complaints; whining
RETRIBUTION	<i>(noun)</i> a justly deserved penalty; revenge
SARDONIC	<i>(adjective)</i> mocking; sneering; scornful
SERENE	<i>(adjective)</i> calm; peaceful; clear
TUMULT	<i>(noun)</i> uproar; noisy commotion; disturbance
UNDAUNTED	<i>(adjective)</i> fearless; not discouraged
VOCIFEROUS	<i>(adjective)</i> loud; noisy; boisterous
