

Vocabulary - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Chapters 1-2 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words above appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. "Ain't no need gettin' mad," T.J. replied undaunted. "How you know?" I questioned suspiciously.

2. Stacey pulled back, considering whether or not T.J.'s words were offensive, but T.J. immediately erased the question by continuing amiably.

3. He was often ridiculed by the other children at his school and had shown up more than once with wide red welts on his arms which Lillian Jean, his older sister, had revealed with satisfaction were the result of his associating with us.

4. In front of it were two yellow buses, our own tormentor and one that brought students from the other direction, and loitering students awaiting the knell of the morning bell.

5. He just stood staring down at the open book, shivering with indignant anger.

6. It seemed to me that showing up at school at all on a bright August-like October morning . . . was concession enough; Sunday clothing was asking too much.

7. "Ah, Cassie, leave him be," Stacey admonished, frowning and kicking testily at the road.

8. I glanced at the boys and it was obvious to me that they were wondering the same thing as I....

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Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapter 1. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 1. undaunted | A. hanging around with nothing particular to do |
| ___ 2. amiably | B. a compromise |
| ___ 3. ridiculed | C. easy to see or understand |
| ___ 4. loitering | D. made someone the object of scornful laughter |
| ___ 5. indignant | E. not faltering or hesitating |
| ___ 6. concession | F. feeling anger at something unjust |
| ___ 7. admonished | G. cautioned against; warned |
| ___ 8. obvious | H. having a pleasant and friendly disposition |