

Vocabulary - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Chapter 11-12

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. "Hush, Cassie," Stacey said, his eyes intent on the men.

2. Afterward both Mama and Big Ma changed their clothes, then we sat, very quiet, as the heat crept sticky and wet through our clothing and the thunder banged menacingly overhead.

3. A crescendo of ugly hate rose from the men as the second car approached.

4. Perhaps he felt that even a person as despicable as T.J. needed someone he could call "friend," or perhaps he sensed T.J.'s vulnerability better than T.J. did himself.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 11-12. 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.

___ 39. intent

___ 40. menacingly

___ 41. crescendo

___ 42. vulnerability

A. threateningly

B. a gradual increase in loudness or intensity

C. concentrating on a single purpose; engrossed

D. ability to be injured or wounded