

Vocabulary - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Chapters 7-8

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. I don't think your Paul Edward would've condoned something like this and risked losing this place.

2. You back the credit with it now and he'll seize this opportunity to take it away from you.

3. Mr. Jamison nodded. He was a long, thin man in his mid-fifties with a perfect lawyer face, so placid that it was difficult to guess what thoughts lay behind it.

4. Christopher-John, Little Man, and I exchanged apprehensive glances.

5. The last days of school before Christmas seemed interminable.

6. When we caught up with them, it was obvious that the joyial mask T.J. always wore had been stripped away.

7. Avoiding us in the morning, he arrived late, only to be shunned by the other students.

8. "Mama gonna whip you good, too," said prideful Little Man, still fuming as we approached the school.

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Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapter 7 & 8. 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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| ___ 24. condoned | A. tranquil; calm |
| ___ 25. seize | B. full of hearty, playful good humor |
| ___ 26. placid | C. boiling over with anger |
| ___ 27. apprehensive | D. endorsed; given his blessings for |
| ___ 28. interminable | E. ignored; kept out of association |
| ___ 29. jovial | F. to grasp; take; arrest |
| ___ 30. shunned | G. unending |
| ___ 31. fuming | H. anxious; uneasy |