

Vocabulary - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Chapter 9-10

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. A few minutes later he emerged from the field alone, got into his car, and left.

2. Mama laughed lightly in exasperation.

3. The heat swooped low over the land clinging like an invisible shroud and through it people moved slowly lethargically, as if under water.

4. Christopher-John, Little Man, and I stared open-mouthed and even Stacey, who had witnessed Mr. Morrison's phenomenal strength before, gazed in wonder.

5. Melvin nodded, a condescending smirk on his face which was lost on T.J.

6. "No," said Papa adamantly, "you do better in Chicago."

7. Long hours after we should have been in bed, we sat on the front porch lit only by the whiteness of the full moon and listened to the comforting sounds of Papa's and Uncle Hammer's voices mingling once again.

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Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 9 & 10. 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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| ___ 32. emerged | A. extremely unusual |
| ___ 33. exasperation | B. boldly; not giving in; firmly |
| ___ 34. shroud | C. something that conceals or screens like a garment |
| ___ 35. phenomenal | D. descending voluntarily to the level of an inferior person |
| ___ 36. condescending | E. mixing together |
| ___ 37. adamantly | F. came forth into view |
| ___ 38. mingling | G. irritation or annoyance |