

Vocabulary - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Chapter 5-6

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 watched him go, but did not follow. Instead, I ambled along the sidewalk trying to understand why Mr. Barnett had acted the way he had.

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2. "I already know what I am!" I retaliated.

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3. "I ain't nobody's little nigger!" I screamed, angry and humiliated.

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4. "If he don't," said Little Man ominously, "I betcha Uncle Hammer'll teach that ole Mr. Simms a thing or two.

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5. Suddenly Mama lunged to the side door, blocking it with her slender body.

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6. His eyes, which showed a great warmth as he hugged and kissed us now, often had a cold, distant glaze, and there was an aloofness in him which the boys and I could never quite bridge.

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7. Big Ma nodded mutely and I went on.

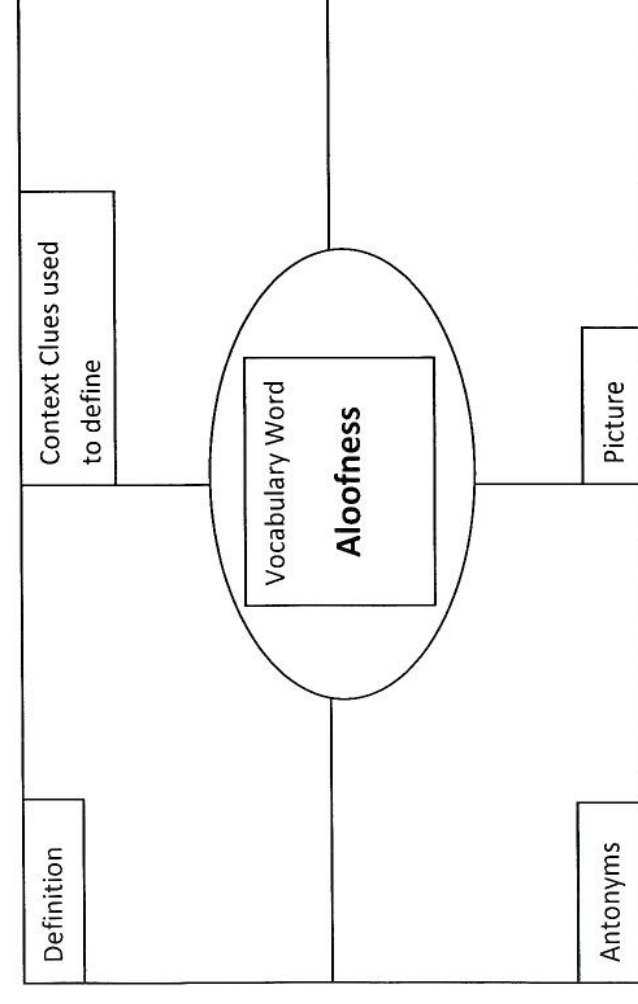
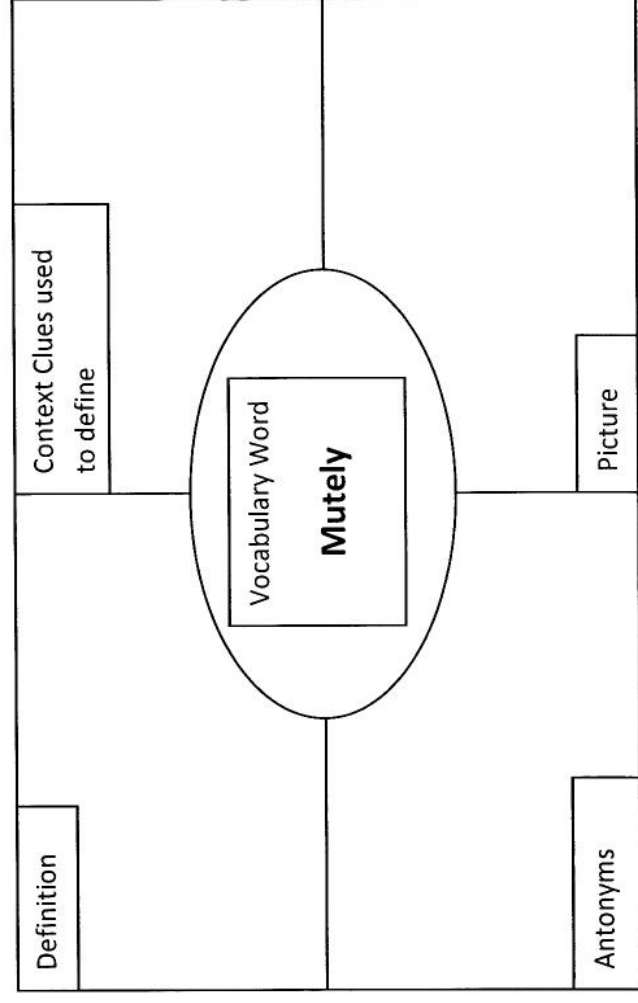
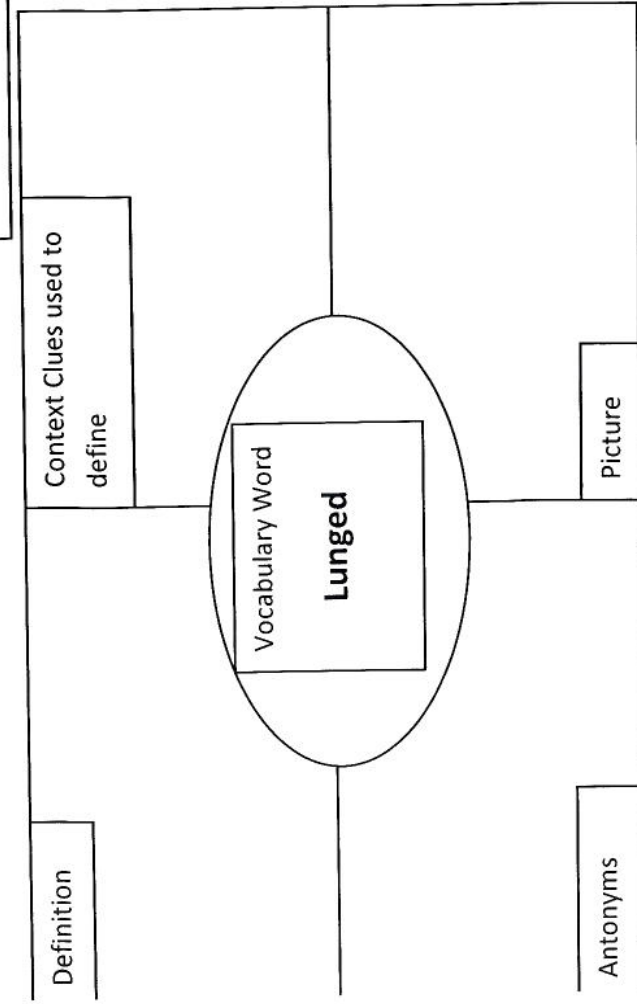
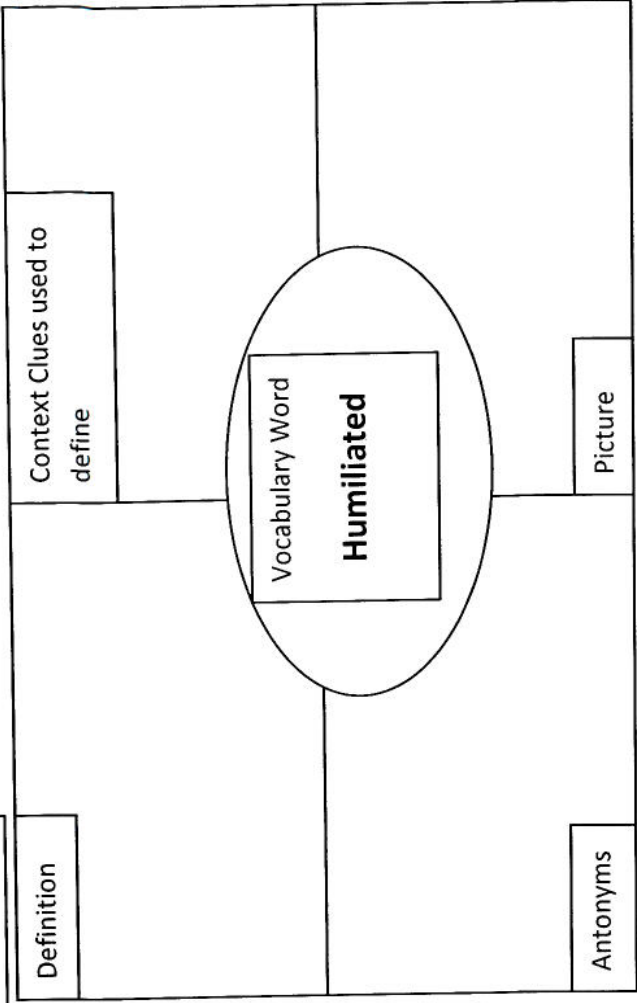
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Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 5 & 6. 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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| ___ 17. ambled     | A. returned like for like       |
| ___ 18. retaliated | B. threateningly                |
| ___ 19. humiliated | C. at a distance; removed       |
| ___ 20. ominously  | D. without speaking             |
| ___ 21. lunged     | E. suddenly thrust              |
| ___ 22. aloofness  | F. lowered in pride or dignity  |
| ___ 23. mutely     | G. moved at a smooth, easy gait |



1. Write down the context clues you used to help define the word.
2. Write down the dictionary definition (do not use the word to define the word)
3. Write down at least 3 antonyms (words that mean the opposite)
4. Draw a picture to help you remember the meaning of the word