

Grade 7: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Vocabulary Handout

1. Multitude (n): a great number; a great number of people gathered together

Location: page 6 (chapter 1)

2. Threadbare (adj): worn so much that the thread shows; shabby

Location: page 7 (chapter 1)

3. Underhanded (adj): not open and aboveboard; secret and crafty or dishonorable

Location: page 12 (chapter 1)

4. Indignant (adj): feeling characterized by, or expressing strong displeasure at something considered unjust, offensive, insulting, or base

Location: pages 24 (chapter 1), 136 (chapter 6), 182, 192 (chapter 8)

5. Maverick (n): a lone dissenter who takes an independent stand apart from his or her associates

Location: page 30 (chapter 1)

6. Endure (v): to hold out against; sustain without impairment or yielding; undergo

Location: page 43 (chapter 3)

7. Adamantly (adv): inflexibly; unshakably; (adj: firmly fixed or decided, especially against something)

Location: pages 64 (chapter 3), 237 (chapter 10)

8. Woefully (adv): wretchedly; unhappily

Location: page 86 (chapter 4)

9. Patronize (v): to give (a store, restaurant, hotel, etc.) one's regular patronage; trade with

Location: page 98 (chapter 4)

10. Wheedle (v): to persuade someone to do something or to give you something by saying nice things

Location: page 104 (chapter 5)

11. Ponder (v): to consider something deeply and thoroughly; to weigh carefully in the mind; consider thoughtfully

Location: pages 107 (chapter 5), 176 (chapter 8)

12. Recoil (v): to draw back; start or shrink back, as in alarm, horror, or disgust

Location: page 111 (chapter 5)

13. Interminable (adj): having or seeming to have no end; tiresomely long; unending

Location: pages 144 (chapter 7), 251 (chapter 11)

14. Insolently (adv): speaking or conducting oneself in a rude or disrespectful way

Location: page 168 (chapter 7)

15. Sharecropper (n): a tenant farmer who gives a part of each crop as rent

Location: page 164 (chapter 7), class notes

16. Shun (v): to avoid purposely or by habit

Location: 192 (chapter 8)

17. Rile (v): to irritate or vex; to make angry

Location: 209 (chapter 9)

18. Deflate (v): to depress or reduce (a person or a person's ego, hopes, spirits, etc.)

Location: page 230 (chapter 10)

19. Crescendo (n): a gradual, steady increase in loudness or force

Location: page 254 (chapter 11)

20. Acrid (adj): biting or bitter in taste or odor; bitterly irritating to the feelings

Location: page 266 (chapter 12)