

Unit I: Narrative Structure Vocabulary

Vocab “A Sound of Thunder

- 1. annihilate
- 2. expendable
- 3. infinitesimally
- 4. correlate
- 5. paradox
- 6. resilient
- 7. undulate
- 8. malfunctioning
- 9. stagnating
- 10. subliminal

Vocab “The Most Dangerous Game”

- 1. tangible
- 2. quarry
- 3. disarming
- 4. cultivated
- 5. amenity
- 6. condone
- 7. droll
- 8. scruple
- 9. solicitously
- 10. imperative
- 11. zealous
- 12. uncanny

Vocab “The Gift of the Magi”

- 1. instigate
- 2. vestibule
- 3. agile
- 4. falter
- 5. ransack
- 6. prudence
- 7. ravage
- 8. assertion
- 9. coveted
- 10. chronicle

Vocab “Seabiscuit”

- 1. trepidation
- 2. optimal
- 3. increment
- 4. inexplicably
- 5. cadence
- 6. unequivocal
- 7. inaudibly
- 8. inept

annihilate

- verb
- to destroy completely

expendable

- adjective
- not worth keeping; not essential

infinitesimally

- adverb
- in amounts so small as to be barely measurable

correlate

- verb
- to figure out or create a relationship between two items or events

paradox

- noun
- a statement or an event that sounds impossible but seems to be true

resilient

- adjective
- strong but flexible; able to withstand stress without injury

undulate

- verb
- to move in waves or in a smooth, wavelike motion

malfunctioning

- adjective
- not working or operating properly

stagnating

- adjective
- becoming foul or rotten from lack of movement

subliminal

- adjective
- below the level of consciousness

tangible

- adjective
- capable of being touched or felt; having actual form and substance

quarry

- noun
- the object of a hunt; prey

disarming

- adjective
- removing or overcoming suspicion; inspiring confidence

cultivated

- adjective
- refined or cultured in manner

amenity

- noun
- something that adds to one's comfort or convenience

condone

- verb
- to forgive or overlook

droll

- adjective
- amusingly odd or comical

scruple

- noun
- a feeling of uneasiness that keeps a person from doing something

solicitously

- adverb
- in a manner expressing care or concern

imperative

- adjective
- absolutely necessary

zealous

- adjective
- intensely enthusiastic

uncanny

- adjective
- so remarkable as to seem supernatural

instigate

- verb
- to stir up; provoke

vestibule

- noun
- a small entryway within a building

agile

- adjective
- able to move quickly and easily

falter

- verb
- to hesitate from lack of courage or confidence

ransack

- verb
- to search or examine vigorously

prudence

- noun
- the use of good judgment and common sense

ravage

- noun
- serious damage

assertion

- noun
- a statement

coveted

- adjective
- greedily desired or wished for

chronicle

- noun
- a record of events

trepidation

- noun
- nervous fear

optimal

- adjective
- most favorable; best

increment

- noun
- a small, slight growth or increase

inexplicably

- adverb
- in a way that is difficult or impossible to explain

cadence

- noun
- a balanced, rhythmic flow

unequivocal

- adjective
- allowing no doubt or misunderstanding; definite; clear

inaudibly

- adverb
- in a way that is impossible to hear

inept

- adjective
- generally incompetent;
unskilled