Literature Circle Roles

Vocabulary Builder

Name _____ **Novel** _____

Assignment: p. _____ to p. _____ **Lit Circle's Name** _____

The words a writer chooses are an important ingredient of the author's craft. Your job is to be on the lookout for a few words that have special meaning in today's reading selection.

- Jot down **puzzling or unfamiliar words** while you are reading. Later, look up the definitions in either a dictionary or some other source.
- You may also run across **words that stand out** somehow in the reading – **words that are repeated a lot, used in an unusual way, or are crucial to the meaning of the text.** Mark these special words, too, and be ready to share your ideas on their usage to the group.

During the Lit Circle meeting, do the following:

1. Make sure everyone in your group copies down each word and definition in their notes (on a page titled "Novel: _____ Vocabulary Words")
2. Explain why you choose each word
3. Solicit ideas from others in the group about why the word might be significant – what other *denotations* or *connotations* it might have

1. Word: _____ Page _____ Paragraph _____

   Sentence from the book: _____

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   Definition: _____ _____

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2. Word: _____ Page _____ Paragraph _____

   Sentence from the book: _____

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   Definition: _____ _____

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3. Word: _____ Page _____ Paragraph _____

   Sentence from the book: _____

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   Definition: _____ _____

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