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Vocab from *Ransom of Mercy Carter* Unit (word parts only)

Vocab	Def	Word parts
1. Gleam	Brief flash of light or hope	
2. Writhe	To twist or bend, contort, often in pain	
3. Embers	Reddish coals left in a fire	1. Brese = burn
4. Skewed	Slant to one side	
5. Rancid	Spoiled or rotten	
6. Sinew	A tendon, strength, power, resilience	
7. Precipice	Steep rock face	2. Pre = forth 3. Caput = head
8. Terrain	A tract of land with defining natural features	4. Terra= land ground
9. Stupefied	To stun	5. Stupere = stun

		6. Facere = to make
10. Sovereignty	Independence, power or authority, royalty	7. Super = over, above 8. Regere = royal
11. Trail of Tears (1838)	March of Cherokee, Seminoles, Chickasaws, Choctaw & Creek from E. Coast to Oklahoma in the winter (starve, disease)	
12. Enumeration	Act of numbering	9. Numer = number
13. Incremental	Step by step growth	10. In = into 11. Crescere = growth
14. Archaic	Old fashioned	12. Arche = beginning, first, chief
15. Harmony	Balance, agreement, peace	
16. Disruption	Break apart or split	13. Dis = apart, away 14. Rupt = break

17. Terse	Short, concise	
18. Emerge	Rise out of	15. E, ex = out 16. Merge = sink
19. Benevolent	Helpful, charitable	17. Bene= good 18. Vol =wish, will, Fleeting
20. Malevolent	Harmful	19. Mal = bad
21. Matrilocal		20. Matri= mother 21. Loca – place (location)
22. Matriarchy	Society headed by women	Arche = see above

Outsiders & Lit Term Review Vocab

Word	Def	Word parts
23. madras	Bright colored muslin cloth originally from India	
24. roguish	Like a scoundrel or cheat	

25. incredulous	Unbelievable	22. In = not 23. cred = believe
26. nonchalant	Indifference or lack of concern	24. (from calere= <u>hot</u>)
27. gallant	Brave, noble minded	25. galer (make merry)- regal, gala
28. aloof	Emotionally separated, apart	
29. contemptuous	Acting with scorn or disdain, looking down on others	
30. towheaded	White blond hair	26. Tow = to weave hemp or flax (light colored)
31. premonition	A forewarning or anxiety over a future event	27. Pre = before 28. Monere = to warn = monitor, monument, monster, admonish
32. implore	To beg	29. Plorare = weak or cry out
33. bawl	To cry out	

34. clammy	Cold & moist	
35. gingerly	carefully	
36. indignant	Anger at something unjust	In = not 30. Dignus = worthy
37. menace	Annoying person	
38. taut	tight	
39. unfathomable	Impossible to understand, incomprehensible	31. Un = not

Word	Def	Word parts
40. alliteration	Words beginning with the same letter	32. liter = write
41. assonance	Repeating vowel or other sounds	33. sonar = sound
42. consonance		34. Con = together,

		with 35. sonar = sound
43. dependent	Reliance on others	
44. independent	Not controlled by others	in = not
45. line (poetry)	A row of printed letters	
46. prattle	Foolish chatter or babble	
47. simile	Figure of speech comparing 2 unlike items using like or as	36. similis = like
48. stanza	A verse of a poem	37. stet = stand, stable. stationary
49. metaphor	Figure of speech making a comparison between unlike items	38. meta = across, over 39. pherien, fer = carry, infer, reference, ferry
50. onomatopoeia	A word that imitates the sound for which it stands	40. nam = name, 41. poein = author-compose, poem, poetry

51. personification	Human characteristics to an inanimate object	Persona = person
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55. theme	Big ideas underlying a story, what author teaches about life	
56. motif	Reoccurring pattern in a novel	
57. symbol	An item that represents an idea	
58. alliteration, assonance, consonance, plotline (5), characterization (5), metaphor, simile, personification, onomatopoeia		