

7TH GRADE LITERATURE DICTIONARY

THE TROJAN WAR, THE HOBBIT

A

abominable- adj. detestable, loathsome, morally reprehensible

alliances- n. unions, pacts

Amazons- n. A mythical race of female warriors from Scythia

amended- v. rectified, improved

amuck- adv. in an uncontrollable rage or frenzy

antiquated- adj. obsolete, old-fashioned

apparition- n. a sudden or dramatic appearance, esp. of a ghost

appease- v. to soothe, calm

array- n. well ordered arrangement, esp. of troops, guard, company

assured- v. secured, guaranteed

audacious- adj. fearlessly bold, fearless

avenged- v. vindicated, justified

B

bannocks- n. round, flat griddle cakes

barren- adj. unable to produce or lacking vegetation

brewing- v. stirring, looming

brink- n. threshold, edge

buffeted- v. battered, beaten

bulbous- adj. bulging, spherical

bulwarks- n. defensive walls or embankments (ramparts)

C

caper- v. to frolic, skip

carrion- adj. feeding on dead flesh

citadel- n. fortress, usually on high ground

crafty- adj. cunning, deceptive

colonnade- n. a series of columns placed at regular intervals

comely- adj. attractive, handsome

commence- v. to begin, start

consolation- n. comfort in time of grief

consummate- adj. complete, perfect, fully skilled

contending- v. competing, striving

contingents- n. representative groups

contrivance- n. an elaborate or deceitful scheme in order to deceive or evade

covered- v. shrank, recoiled

creditable- adj. commendable, admirable

cunning- adj. clever or deceitful, ingenious

D

dale- valley

decrepit- adj. feeble, frail

defrayed- v. paid, provided payment

delves- digs; searches

deposed- v. removed from office

depredations- n. plunderings

desolation- n. devastation, ruin

despairing, agonized- adj. hopeless, painful

dirge- n. funeral song

Discord- Eris, the goddess of disagreement and conflict

disquieting- adj. disturbing, troubling

distaff- n. staff used when spinning by hand that holds unspun wool

draughts- n. drafts, gusts

dubiously- adv. with doubt, with uncertainty

E

eminent- adj. distinguished, prominent

enmity- n. hostility, hate

enterprising- adj. showing initiative; inventive

envoys- n. messengers, representatives

ere- before

escort- n. guide, attendant

esteemed- adj. highly regarded, respected

estimable- adj. worthy of esteem

extensive- adj. broad, vast

exulting- v. rejoicing triumphantly

eyrie- n. a high perched nest

F

factions- n. quarrelsome minorities within a larger group

famished- v. starved, exhausted

feigned- v. pretended

feint- n. a fake move, ploy, ruse

fells- mountains or hills

fender- n. fireplace screen

figured- v. shaped, crafted

flank- n. right or left side of a person or military formation; side, wing

flummoxed- adj. bewildered, confused

forays- n. sudden attacks

forbear- v. to refrain, abstain

foreboding- n. strong feeling of future misfortune

fortifying- v. securing, strengthening

fray- n. a noisy fight or brawl, conflict, skirmish

fugitives- n. refugees, ones who flee

furrows- n. long, narrow trenches

furtive- adj. stealthy, secretive

furze- n. spiny shrub

G

gaunt- v. thin and bony

glades- n. hollows, clearings

glanced- v. glided or bounced off

gledes- n. burning coals

gloaming- n. twilight, evening

glowered- v. stared at angrily, scowled

goaded- v. prodded, urged

goblets- cups

Gorgons- 3 sister monsters and Medusa

greaves- n. armor for the shin

grievous- adj. grave, severe

H

halted- v. handled, hilted

hauberk- n. a long defensive shirt extending to the knees

haughtily- adv. in an arrogant, self-admiring manner; pridefully

haughty- adj. arrogantly self-admiring, proud

havoc- n. widespread destruction, confusion

heed- n. careful attention, regard

highhanded- adj. arrogant; overbearing

hilt- handle

hoard- hidden funds

horde(s)- n. a large group, crowds

I

impetus- n. driving force, impulse, stimulus

implored- v. begged, entreated

imploringly- adv. in an earnestly begging manner, entreatingly

incantations- n. spells, chants

incessantly- adv. continuously, without interruption

indignation- n. anger at unfair treatment

induce- v. to influence, persuade

ingenious- adj. clever, resourceful

insolent- adj. rude, disrespectful

issued- v. emerged, came out

interposed- v. interjected, inserted

ire- anger

J

justified- adj. shown to be right; vindicated

K

kine- n. cows

L

lamentation- n. an expression of grief or sorrow

lichen- n. moss, fungus

lore- n. wisdom, tradition, knowledge

lust- n. longing, yearning

lyre- n. harp-like instrument used to accompany song or poetry

M

mangled- adj. mutilated, disfigured

marauding- v. pillaging, raiding

melancholy- adj. sad, depressed, gloomy

melee- n. a confused fight, skirmish

mouldered- v. disintegrated

mound- n. a British word for “ground”

muster- n. a gathering of troops

mustering- v. assembling, gathering

mutton- n. flesh of sheep used as food

myriad- adj. a vast number

N

nectar- n. sweet liquid secreted by flowers

nine days' wonder- n. something famous a short time

O

oddments- n. scraps, leftovers

onslaught- n. a violent attack, blitz

outpost- n. a detachment set far from the army to prevent surprise

P

painter- n. a rope for docking a ship

palisade- n. a defensive fence; a line of cliffs

Palladium- n. a sacred object and source of protection

pallid- adj. colorless, ashen

palpitating- v. pounding, throbbing
paraphernalia- n. miscellaneous items, equipment
parley- n. conference, meeting
peaked- adj. pale, sickly
perilous- adj. dangerous, hazardous
perpetual- adj. eternal, unlimited
perpetually- adv. continually
pinnacle- n. summit, peak
placidly- adv. in a quiet and peaceful manner
plaited- v. braided, tressed
plausible- adj. likely, reasonable, believable
plight- n. predicament, unfortunate situation
plodding- v. lingering, lumbering
pomp- n. splendor, magnificent display
pondered- v. thought over, considered
potent- adj. strong, powerful
precipice- n. cliff, ledge
presumed- v. supposed
pretence- n. charade, simulation
pretext- n. fictitious reason, excuse
promontory- n. high point of land jutting into water
prostrated- v. overcome
prosy- adj. commonplace, dull
prudent- adj. careful, wise, displaying common sense
purloined- v. stole, robbed

Q

quays- n. docks, landings, wharfs

quench- v. to douse, extinguish

R

ramparts- n. defensive walls or embankments (bulwarks)

reckoning- n. retribution for one's actions

reconciliation- n. resolution, compromise

redoubled- v. intensified, renewed

refounded- v. rebuilt, reestablished

relinquishing- v. giving up, abandoning

remnants- n. small remaining quantity, traces

remotest- adj. secluded, isolated, farthest

replenish- v. to restock, refill

reproachfully- adv. disapprovingly, rebukingly

resolve- n. determination, steadfastness

requisite- adj. necessary, obligatory

ruddy- adj. rosy, healthy

S

sentinels- n. guards, sentries

shades- n. ghosts, spirits

shambling- v. shuffling or hobbling

sheathed- v. holstered, encased

shingly- adj. rocky, rough

silvered- v. covered with silver

singed- adj. scorched; surface-burned

sobered- v. made serious; subdued

solemnities- n. gravities; serious and dignified feelings

soothsayers- n. ones who predict events; seers

sorrel- n. plant of the buckwheat family with edible leaves

spur- n. ridge, edge

steppes- n. level grassy plains

strewed- v. spread, scattered

succored- v. aided, helped, assisted

sufficed- v. was enough or adequate

surly- adj. bad-tempered, rude

T

tawny- adj. orangish or yellowish brown

tedious- adj. tiresome, boring

thrice- adv. three times

throes- n. struggles, spasms

throttled- v. strangled, choked

tirade- n. a long, passionate, condemning speech, declamation

toiled- v. labored, slaved

toss-pot- n. drunkard, alcoholic

trackless- adj. unmarked

tumult- n. an uproar, commotion

tuppence- n. two cents

U

uncanny- adj. eerie, mysterious

urns- n. vases

V

vagabond- adj. drifting; wandering; aimless

valor- n. bravery, courage

vanguard- n. front, advancement

vehemently- adv. with strong feeling, passionately

venerable- adj. worthy of honor and respect

ventured- v. risked, dared

veranda- n. roofed porch

vexed- adj. angered, irritated

vigor- n. strength, energy

vista- n. distant view

W

Wain- n. a wagon; the Big Dipper

wanes- v. diminishes, decreases

waning- n. fading, closing

waxing- v. enlarging, expanding

wheedles- v. persuades by flattery

withering contempt- destroying (devastating) hate

wrought- put together; worked (Hobbit poem); v. formed, shaped (Hobbit Ch 12)

XYZ

yammering- v. grumbling, complaining

yore- times long past

Yule-tide- n. Christmas

zenith- n. peak; highest point