

The Scarlet Pimpernel

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Vocabulary Worksheet 2

A. Context Clues. Using the clues provided in each sentence, write the meaning of each highlighted word on the line. Do not use a dictionary.

1. “You told him all the circumstances--which so completely *exonerated* you from any blame?”

Exonerated means: _____

2. In his slow-going mind there would still be room for that *ineradicable* pride of a descendant of a gentlemen.

Ineradicable means: _____

3. He was *ignominiously* thrashed like a dog within an inch of his life.

Ignominiously means: _____

4. Marguerite, not calculating the *purport* of her words, happened to hear that the St. Cyr were in treasonable correspondence with Austria.

Purport means: _____

5. Chauvelin took another pinch of snuff: he seemed addicted to that *pernicious* habit.

Pernicious means: _____

6. He remained serious and earnest whilst she laughed, and his voice, clear, *incisive*, and hard was not raised about his breath.

Incisive means: _____

7. “The man who hides his identity under that strange *pseudonym* is the most bitter enemy of our republic.”

Pseudonym means: _____ 

8. “This is my only opportunity,” he repeated, as she *vouchsafed* him no reply.

Vouchsafed means: _____

9. “Since then the *exigencies* of my own affairs and your own social duties have kept us apart.”

Exigencies means: _____

10. “Unfortunately, though they have given me *cognizance* of certain names, it still leaves me in ignorance of the identity of the Scarlet Pimpernel.

Cognizance means: _____

11. He would be ruthlessly struck, if she refused to obey. For a moment she still hoped to *temporize* and held out her hand to this man.

Temporize means: _____

12. “*Idyllic* follies never last. They come upon us like the measles and are as easily cured.”

Idyllic means: _____

13. “I have a perfect prescription against the worst form of *ennui*, which I would be happy to submit to you: work!”

Ennui means: _____

14. Her very soul recoiled in horror from these bloody excesses to which she feared her brother might become one day the *holocaust*.

Holocaust means: _____

15. She looked up at the stranger and, with a cry of unfeigned pleasure, put out both her hands *effusively* towards him.

Effusively means: _____



B. Matching. Write each word in front of its definition.

cognizance effusively ennui exigencies exonerated

- _____ *v.* freed from blame, responsibility obligation or task;
proved innocent; vindicated, exculpated
- _____ *adv.* profusely, overflowing, showing too much
emotion, overly demonstrative
- _____ *n.* urgent needs, demands for action or attention, crises,
pressing situations
- _____ *n.* boredom, feeling of discontent that comes from
having no occupation or interest
- _____ *n.* awareness, perception, knowledge obtained by
observation

holocaust idyllic ignominiously incisive ineradicable

- _____ *adj.* sharp, penetrating, clear, acute, trenchant
- _____ *adj.* cannot be rooted out or gotten rid of; impossible to
destroy or remove
- _____ *n.* great or total destruction, especially by fire;
widespread destruction, a great disaster
- _____ *adv.* shamefully, disgracefully, dishonorably,
infamously, deserving shame or degradation
- _____ *adj.* simple and charming, rustic, carefree

pernicious pseudonym purport temporize vouchsafed

- _____ *adj.* tending to cause death; injurious, villainous,
noxious, destructive
- _____ *v.* permitted, granted, condescended, bestowed
- _____ *n.* fictitious name assumed by an author; pen name,
nom de plume
- _____ *v.* evade immediate action; hedge, negotiate, yield to
current circumstances, act to suit the time
- _____ *v.* claim or profess, to have as its main idea, to have the
intention of doing, to present a false appearance



C. Glossary. Write the *definition* or a *synonym* and *usual part of speech* for each word in this lesson in your glossary or on your spelling flashcards. Check here when finished.

D. Use the Words. Compose a sentence or phrase illustrating proper usage of each vocabulary word and write it in the glossary or on your spelling flashcards. Check here when finished.

E. Antonyms. Write each word on the line corresponding with its opposite meaning. Words are from units 1 and 2.

cognizance
consummate
divest
effusive
ennui
exonerated

hauteur
ignominiously
inane
incisive
ineradicable
insular

onerous
pernicious
plebeian
purport
sententious
vouchsafed

1. affection _____
2. blamable _____
3. contentment _____
4. doleful _____
5. easy _____
6. enrich _____
7. fleeting _____
8. healthy _____
9. honorably _____
10. ignorance _____
11. incomplete _____
12. indefinite _____
13. insignificance _____
14. noble _____
15. pointless _____
16. public _____
17. received _____
18. repressed _____

