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Chapter 1

Cloaked	hidden
Homesteaders	a family that lives on a parcel of land where they strive to make their home, usually with a high degree of self-sufficiency
Gnarled	full of knots, bent, twisted
Craggy	rough, rugged
Tunic	a long shirt that may be belted
Cane (river cane)	a bamboo-like plant with a hollow stem
Intertwining	wrapped around each other
Sapling	a young tree
Tranquil	peaceful, still
Clan	a large group of people who are related
Coveted	wanted very strongly
Barken	like the bark of a tree
Slunk	moved in a secretive way
Riverine	related or similar to a river
Lair	the sleeping place of a wild animal, also a place for hiding
Tendrils	thin, curly stems of plants or any thin, curly substance



Chapter 2

Hunkered	crouched down
Quills	a hollow sharp spine on an animal
Mantel	a shelf above a fireplace
Embers	glowing coals from a fire
Reed	bendable tall grasses
Satchel	a small bag with a shoulder strap
Mottled	covered in spots or blotches
Looming	appearing in a large, strange, or frightening form
Clutch	a small group of something
Bristled	covered with short, stiff hairs

Chapter 3

Mamaw	an Appalachian dialect word for grandmother
Limbs	arms and legs
Identical	exactly the same
Rasp	to speak in a rough voice
Sniveling	speaking in a whining way
Writhing	twisting painfully
Locket	a small case usually worn on a chain as a necklace
Furrowed	formed into ridges
Ensnared	captured
Bewildering	confusing
Lurched	moved in a sudden way
Headlong	headfirst
Careening	moving without control



Chapter 4

Radiating	to move outward from a source
Wrested	pulled something away from someone
Gnashing	grinding teeth together
Cover	place to hide
Bleating	making the sound a goat or sheep makes
Debilitating	makes someone weak
Utter	complete and total
Tremor	shaking
Stanch	to stop blood from flowing

Chapter 5

Hinder	to stop or slow down something or someone
Trudging	walking with slow, heavy steps
Underbrush	plants that grow under large trees
Akin	similar or related
Scoffed	laughed or talked about disrespectfully
Relentless	not stopping for any reason
Dispersing	moving in different directions
Spasms	painful tightening of muscles
Treading	walking
Tromping	walking with heavy, stamping steps
Riffle	a shallow part of a river where water flows wavy and fast
Beset	suffering from
Churning	moving in a confused way
Plaintive	sounding very sad



Chapter 6

Wincing	making a face of embarrassment or pain
Compelled	forced
Scruff	the back of the neck
Jutting	sticking out in a sharp or jagged way
Flanks	areas on an animal's sides between the ribs and hips
Craning	stretching out to see better
Keenest	sharpest, having the most ability at something
Kinship	feeling of being closely related to a group
Ravine	a small, deep, narrow valley
Treacherously	very dangerous
Undulating	moving like waves

Chapter 7

Seeping	flowing slowly through a small opening
Prominence	a prominent feature of a landscape that sticks out
Cascading	flowing down quickly
Trundling	walking slowly and heavily
Unison	all together as one
Arduously	with great effort and difficulty
Gout	a disease that causes painful swelling of the joints
Temples	the small, flat areas on each side of a person's forehead



Chapter 8

Pang	sudden, strong feeling of emotion or pain
Reverently	with much respect
Cloven	split or divided in two
Timidly	shyly, nervously
Serene	peaceful and calm
Lumbered	walked slowly and heavily
Immense	huge
Wallowing	rolling around in mud or water
Avert	avoid
Muffled	softened, covered up
Decrepit	old and broken down
Bracingly	pleasantly cool
Frigid	extremely cold
Ursine	like or related to bears
Taut	pulled tightly
Maneuvered	moved in a careful and skillful way

Chapter 9

Atlatls	Weapons used by the Cherokee for throwing darts or spears
Realms	areas brought together by something or someone
Gorge	a rocky, deep, narrow area between hills or mountains
Receded	moved away gradually
Nuzzled	pushed a nose or face gently against someone
Vowed	promised very seriously to do something



Chapter 10

Scaled	climbed
Oblong	longer in one direction than the other direction
Fibrous	made up of fibers
Fragments	pieces of something, often small pieces
Bobbed	nodded or shook up and down
Tended	took care of
Occupied	being lived in
Brutal	violent, mean
Probing	reaching or poking into something using a finger

Chapter 11

Allies	people or groups that support other people or groups
Filch	steal
Putrid	rotting, rotten, with a bad smell
Sludge	wet, sticky, soft mud
Wraithlike	like a wraith (an evil spirit)
Lattice	barrier made of woven pieces of wood
Impenetrable	impossible to get through
Pleading	begging

Chapter 12

Clammy	unpleasantly wet and cold
Revulsion	very strong feeling of dislike or disgust
Corridor	hallway
Chomped	bit down on
Defiantly	refusing to follow orders or rules



Chapter 13

Gangly	tall, thin, and awkward
Gaunt	very thin
Disfigured	to damage the appearance of something or someone
Bushels	units for measuring fruit and grain
Foreboding	a feeling that something bad is going to happen

Chapter 14

Labyrinth	a place with many confusing paths or passages
Abyss	a hole so deep it can't be measured
Permeated	spread through with
Dappling	making with many spots or colors of light
Distraught	extremely upset
Anguish	extreme suffering, grief, or pain

Chapter 15

Frail	very weak
Marbled	having markings or colors similar to marble
Frayed	worn down
Admonishment	speech that expresses disapproval or disappointment
Complied	did what you were asked to do
Wayfarer	person who travels from place to place by walking
Lore	traditional knowledge, beliefs, and stories
Foragers	those who search for food or supplies
Niche	curved space in a wall
Nurturing	helping someone or something grow
Murmuring	low, quiet, continuous sound
Caressed	touched gently and lovingly
Subside	to become less strong or intense



Chapter 16

Bout	a short period of time when someone experiences something
Blurted	said something suddenly without thinking how people would react
Beholden	owing a favor to someone
Lest	for fear that

Chapter 17

Bile	yellowish or greenish bad-tasting liquid made by the body's liver
Vast	extremely large

Chapter 18

Cavernous	resembling a large cave
Seething	showing strong emotion
Throng	large group of people
Disgrace	making someone feel ashamed
Muculent	like mucus, the slimy substance that comes out of your nose
Despairing	giving up hope
Ardent	eagerly supporting someone or something
Grimacing	making a facial expression of disgust or pain
Ornately	with excessive decoration
Vibrant	lively and vigorous
Searing	extremely intense



Chapter 19

Insolence	acting with disrespect
Subservience	extreme obedience
Submission	behaving as though an authority has all the power over you
Malice	the desire to hurt another person
Wary	not trusting something completely
Deft	skilled or clever

Chapter 20

Bountiful	existing in large amounts
Lingering	staying beyond the expected time
Venture	to go somewhere unknown or dangerous

Chapter 21

Contorting	twisting into a different shape
Covetous	greedy
Contempt	hatred and disrespect
Waning	slowly going away
Dwelled	lived in
Divulge	reveal, make something known
Musk	a strong animal-like smell



Chapter 22

Sanctuary	protected or safe place
Accoutrements	clothing or equipment used for a particular activity
Festering	becoming worse over time
Hoard	large amount of something valuable that is kept hidden
Intact	whole, unbroken
Adorned	decorated
Secluded	away from other people

Chapter 23

Wily	full of clever tricks
Scorched	burned

Chapter 24

Expendable	easily replaced, not worth saving
Supreme	highest in rank or authority
Dismay	strong feeling of being worried or upset

Chapter 25

Propelling	pushing something forward
Pursuit	chase
Ghoul	evil creature that robs graves

Chapter 26

Erupted	happened suddenly and violently
Brandishing	waving in a threatening way



Chapter 27

Inspire	to fill with spirit
Infusing	causing a person or thing to be filled by something
Void	empty space

Chapter 28

Eddy	A circular current of water
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Chapter 29

Canopy	something that covers or spreads out over an area
Tawny	brownish-orange in color
Splayed	moved out and apart from each other
Tremulous	shaking slightly because of nervousness
Minute	tiny
Salve	creamy ointment that helps heal a wound
Glens	narrow valleys
Meandered	followed a winding path

Chapter 30

Tangible	can be touched
Thickets	thick growth of bushes or trees
Rivulets	small streams
Profusions	large amounts
Lush	having a lot of full and healthy growth
Domain	land that a ruler controls



Chapter 31

Traversing	moving across
Runnels	small streams
Scuffling	walking with quick shuffling steps
Racked	causing pain
Ricocheting	bouncing off a surface and moving in a different direction

Chapter 32

Timber	wood that can be used for building
Boom	long pole attached to something
Terrain	the features of an area of land
Thwarted	succeeded in stopping something from happening
Disoriented	lost or confused about direction
Logjam	when logs floating down a river become tangled together and cannot move

Chapter 33

Excruciating	extremely painful
Jeering	shouting insults
Wielding	holding something so that it is ready to use
Scavenging	searching through waste or junk for something that can be used, searching for food
Pelt	the skin and fur of an animal
Unfurl	unfold something that is rolled up

Chapter 34

Undertow	a current beneath the surface of the water
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Chapter 35

Sylvan related to the forest

Chapter 36

Devastation destruction from violent action

Cleaved cut in two; cut apart

Cavorted leaped or danced about in a lively way

Camaraderie a strong spirit of trust and friendship

Mesmerizing hypnotizing

Chapter 37

Sabotaged destroyed or made to not work

Longing a strong desire for something

Chapter 39

Nectar sweet liquid produced by flowers or fruits

Chapter 40

Wash sensation like water washing over something



Chapter 41

Dejectedly	feeling sadly because of a loss or failure
Haunches	upper part of an animal's legs
Buried the hatchet	an expression meaning the parties agreed to stop fighting
Hankering	a desire for something
Garbled	mixed up so as to change the meaning
Soberly	very seriously
Composure	calmness
On my own sweet time	an expression meaning to do something when and how slowly a person wants to
Catawampus	an expression meaning crooked
Pent up	held back, not shared
Melancholy	state of sadness

Chapter 42

Abrasion	the action of rubbing against something
Dells	small wooded valleys

Chapter 43

Adhering	sticking to
Mucus	a slimy, wet liquid produced by certain organs in the body, such as the nose

Chapter 44

Sinister	evil
Agitated	upset



Chapter 45

Flush	a reddish color
Scorned	disrespected and disliked

Chapter 46

Agony	intense pain of mind or body
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Chapter 47

Make yourself scarce	an expression meaning to hide
Ominously	giving a feeling that something bad is going to happen
Refuge	place that provides shelter or protection

Chapter 48

Succotash	cooked dish of corn and beans
Skillet	frying pan

Chapter 49

Yearling	a one-year-old animal
Decipher	figure out a code

Chapter 51

Pandemonium	a wild disturbance
Deference	respect
Pampered	took very good care of
Grotesque	unnatural, bizarre
Erratic	having no direction
Urgency	a feeling that something needs immediate attention
Berated	scolded



Chapter 52

Faltered	became weak or broken, hesitated
Scouring	searching
Infernal	relating to a world of the dead
Stone cold	an expression meaning as cold and unmoving as a stone
Incessant	not stopping
Godforsaken	wretched, abandoned, and having no value

Chapter 53

Bore down	put pressure on
Hard-bitten	tough and stubborn, conditioned by many difficulties
Mauls	tools used for driving wedges when splitting wood
Felled	cut down
Teamsters	drivers of teams of animals
Grizzled	gray-haired or having hair streaked with gray
Summons	urgent order
Ire	anger
Primeval	from the earliest times in the history of the world

Chapter 55

Poultices	soft, moist mixtures put on the body to relieve pain or heal a wound
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Chapter 56

Skulk	move while keeping out of sight
Perils	dangers
Loathed	strongly hated



Chapter 57

Rouse	wake up
Grafted	forced to grow on, transplanted onto or into

Chapter 58

Chaos	complete disorder and confusion
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Chapter 59

Culling	reduce a population by selecting some to kill
Stench	terrible smell
Conspicuous	obvious, easy to see
Premonition	a sense that something specific is going to happen

Chapter 60

Reanimate	restore to life
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Chapter 61

Commotion	confused and noisy disturbance
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Chapter 62

Recoiled	jumped back in fear or disgust
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Chapter 64

Clamoring	protesting or demanding something loudly
Aghast	filled with horror or shock

Chapter 65

Vermin	animals believed to be harmful to crops or livestock
Dais	a low platform or stage, such as for a throne



Chapter 66

Venomous	full of malice or spite
Scintillating	sparkling or shining brightly
Heinous	wicked
Vilified	spoke or wrote about to ruin the reputation of someone
Luster	soft glow
Aura	quality that seems to surround a person

Chapter 67

Engulfed	surrounded something completely
Flailing	waving or swinging wildly

Chapter 68

Bludgeoned	beat against repeatedly
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Chapter 69

Conflagration	large fire
Quelling	reducing and putting an end to
Compassion	pity and concern for others
Charred	blackened by being partially burnt
Blockaded	sealed off to prevent someone from entering

Chapter 70

Remnants	the parts left over after something is destroyed
Desolation	complete emptiness and destruction
Gulley	a deep, narrow valley carved by water



Chapter 71

Majestic	impressively beautiful or dignified
Profound	requiring deep thought or wisdom to understand
Alliance	a relationship formed between people or groups to benefit both

Chapter 72

Invigorating	making one feel strong, healthy, and full of energy
Fretting	constantly worrying
Dwindled	gradually got smaller in size or strength

Chapter 73

Monotone	not altering in tone, tone stays the same
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QUIZ Chapters 1-9

Name: _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition
— 1. Homesteaders	A. similar or related
— 2. Gnarled	B. moving like waves
— 3. Clan	C. speaking in a whining way
— 4. Hunkered	D. sounding very sad
— 5. Satchel	E. a large group of people who are related
— 6. Mottled	F. a deep, narrow area between hills or
— 7. Sniveling	mountains
— 8. Stanch	G. full of knots
— 9. Akin	H. to stop blood from flowing
— 10. Plaintive	I. moved away gradually
— 11. Kinship	J. a small bag with a shoulder strap
___ 12. Undulating	K. people who were given land by the
___ 13. Pang	government to live on and make productive
___ 14. Gorge	L. feeling of being closely related to a group
___ 15. Receded	M. covered in spots or blotches
	N. crouched down
	O. sudden, strong feeling of physical or
	emotional pain



QUIZ Chapters 10-17

Name: _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition
___ 1. Scaled	A. to become less strong or intense
___ 2. Allies	B. person who travels from place to place by walking
___ 3. Filch	C. traditional knowledge, beliefs, and stories
___ 4. Lattice	D. climbed
___ 5. Revulsion	E. a hole so deep it can't be measured
___ 6. Defiantly	F. very strong feeling of dislike or disgust
___ 7. Foreboding	G. owing a favor to someone
___ 8. Labyrinth	H. barrier made of woven pieces of wood
___ 9. Abyss	I. people or groups that support other people or groups
___ 10. Complied	J. those who search for food or supplies
___ 11. Wayfarer	K. refusing to follow orders or rules
___ 12. Lore	L. steal
___ 13. Foragers	M. a place with many confusing paths or passages
___ 14. Subside	N. a feeling that something bad is going to happen
___ 15. Beholden	O. did what you were asked to do



QUIZ Chapters 18-29

Name: _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition
— 1. Seething	A. easily replaced, not worth saving
— 2. Throng	B. current of water that moves against the rest of the current
— 3. Insolence	C. not trusting something completely
— 4. Subservience	D. clothing or equipment used for a particular activity
— 5. Wary	E. waving in a threatening way
— 6. Deft	F. extreme obedience
— 7. Divulge	G. large amount of something valuable that is kept hidden
— 8. Accoutrements	H. shaking slightly because of nervousness
— 9. Festering	I. acting with disrespect
— 10. Hoard	J. showing strong emotion
— 11. Wily	K. reveal, make something known
___ 12. Expendable	L. skilled or clever
___ 13. Brandishing	M. large group of people
___ 14. Eddy	N. becoming worse over time
___ 15. Tremulous	O. full of clever tricks



QUIZ Chapters 30-41

Name: _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition
— 1. Tangible	A. a spirit of friendliness
— 2. Thickets	B. a desire for something
— 3. Rivulets	C. moving across
— 4. Lush	D. succeeded in stopping something from
— 5. Traversing	happening
— 6. Terrain	E. an expression meaning crooked
— 7. Thwarted	F. small streams
— 8. Jeering	G. sweet liquid produced by flowers or fruits
— 9. Wielding	H. thick growth of bushes or trees
— 10. Camaraderie	I. can be touched
— 11. Longing	J. held back, not shared
___ 12. Nectar	K. a strong desire for something
___ 13. Hankering	L. shouting insults
___ 14. Catawampus	M. having a lot of full and healthy growth
___ 15. Pent up	N. the features of an area of land
	O. holding something so that it is ready to use



QUIZ Chapter 42-52

Name: _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition
— 1. Dells	A. scolded
— 2. Adhering	B. a wild disturbance
— 3. Sinister	C. figure out a code
— 4. Agitated	D. disrespected and disliked
— 5. Scorned	E. took very good care of
— 6. Ominously	F. sticking to
— 7. Refuge	G. upset
— 8. Decipher	H. became weak or broken, hesitated
— 9. Pandemonium	I. evil
— 10. Deference	J. respect
— 11. Pampered	K. place that provides shelter or protection
___ 12. Urgency	L. not stopping
___ 13. Berated	M. giving a feeling that something bad is going
___ 14. Faltered	to happen
___ 15. Incessant	N. small valleys
	O. a feeling that something needs immediate
	attention



QUIZ Chapters 53-62

Name: _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition
— 1. Felled	A. obvious, easy to see
— 2. Teamsters	B. restore to life
— 3. Summons	C. anger
— 4. Ire	D. a sense that something specific is going to
— 5. Primeval	happen
— 6. Loathed	E. complete disorder and confusion
— 7. Rouse	F. jumped back in fear or disgust
— 8. Grafted	G. wake up
— 9. Chaos	H. urgent order
— 10. Stench	I. cut down
— 11. Conspicuous	J. confused and noisy disturbance
___ 12. Premonition	K. from the earliest times in the history of the
___ 13. Reanimate	world
___ 14. Commotion	L. forced to grow on, transplanted onto or into
___ 15. Recoiled	M. terrible smell
	N. drivers of teams of animals
	O. strongly hated



QUIZ Chapters 63-74

Name: _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition
— 1. Clamoring	A. a low platform or stage
— 2. Aghast	B. wicked
— 3. Vermin	C. pity and concern for others
— 4. Dais	D. soft glow
— 5. Scintillating	E. surrounded something completely
— 6. Heinous	F. filled with horror or shock
— 7. Luster	G. animals believed to be harmful to crops or
— 8. Aura	livestock
— 9. Engulfed	H. putting an end to
— 10. Quelling	I. making one feel strong, healthy, and full of
— 11. Compassion	energy
___ 12. Remnants	J. requiring deep thought or wisdom to
___ 13. Profound	understand
___ 14. Alliance	K. sparkling or shining brightly
___ 15. Invigorating	L. a relationship formed between people or
	groups to benefit both
	M. quality that seems to surround a person
	N. the parts left over after something is
	destroyed
	O. protesting or demanding something loudly



QUIZ ANSWER KEYS

Ch 1-9	Ch 10-17	Ch 18-29	Ch 30-41	Ch 42-52	Ch 53-62	Ch 63-74
1. K	1. D	1. J	1. I	1. N	1. I	1. O
2. G	2. I	2. M	2. H	2. F	2. N	2. F
3. E	3. L	3. I	3. F	3. I	3. H	3. G
4. N	4. H	4. F	4. M	4. G	4. C	4. A
5. J	5. F	5. C	5. C	5. D	5. K	5. K
6. M	6. K	6. L	6. N	6. M	6. O	6. B
7. C	7. N	7. K	7. D	7. K	7. G	7. D
8. H	8. M	8. D	8. L	8. C	8. L	8. M
9. A	9. E	9. N	9. O	9. B	9. E	9. E
10. D	10. O	10. G	10. A	10. J	10. M	10. H
11. L	11. B	11. O	11. K	11. E	11. A	11. C
12. B	12. C	12. A	12. G	12. O	12. D	12. N
13. O	13. J	13. E	13. B	13. A	13. B	13. J
14. F	14. A	14. B	14. E	14. H	14. J	14. L
15. I	15. G	15. H	15. J	15. L	15. F	15. I