
Chapters 1-5

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Maniac Magee was not born in a dump.

2. Of course, to be accurate, he wasn't really Maniac then. He was Jeffrey Lionel Magee.

3. Three springy steps down from the risers--girls in pastel dresses screaming, the music director lunging--a leap from the stage, out the door and into the starry, sweet, onion-grass- smelling night.

4. Of course, there's the obvious answer that sitting right across the Schuylkill is Bridgeport, where he was born.

5. Books, all right. Both sides of the suitcase crammed with them.

6. Later on that first day, there was a commotion in the West End.

7. This, of course, was the infamous address of Finsterwald.

8. Suffice it to say that occasionally, even today, if some poor, raggedy, nicotine-stained wretch is seen shuffling through town, word will spread that this once was a bright, happy normal child who had the misfortune of blundering onto Finsterwald's property.

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10. Arnold Jones was being hoisted in the air above Finsterwald's backyard fence.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| _____ 1. maniac | A. apparent; observable |
| _____ 2. accurate | B. a person who has extra enthusiasm or desire |
| _____ 3. lunging | C. a miserable, unfortunate person |
| _____ 4. obvious | D. crowded; packed |
| _____ 5. crammed | E. exactly correct |
| _____ 6. commotion | F. moving in a clumsy way |
| _____ 7. infamous | G. disturbance |
| _____ 8. wretch | H. moving forward suddenly |
| _____ 9. blundering | I. having a very bad reputation |
| _____ 10. hoisted | J. lifted |