



Freckles

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**Assignments – Part II
Chapters 11-20**

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Chapter 11

Synopsis from the text:

The butterflies go on a spree and Freckles informs the Bird Woman of it at Angel's party.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **spree**

In Context: “...the whole insect tribe has gone on a spree.” (p.181)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **topers**

In Context: “Why, just an army of black ants. Some of them are sucking away like old toppers...” (p.182) ... “They drink and drink until, if I’m driving them away, they stagger as they fly and turn somersaults in the air.” (p.183)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **veranda**

In Context: “The lawn and veranda were strung with fancy lanterns...” (p. 186)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **whimsically**

In Context: “Freckles glanced from his wading-boots to the patent leathers of some of the Angel’s friends, and smiled whimsically...” (p.187)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **ardent**

In Context: “She was so lovely a picture as she stood before him, ardent in his cause...” (p.187)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **conservatory**

In Context: “...I want you to come the outside way to the conservatory and have some of my birthday lunch and some cake ... ”(p.163)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **delirium**

In Context: “A triple delirium of spirit, mind, and body seized upon him and developed a boldness all unnatural.” (p.188)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **defrauded** (You may have to look up the word **defraud**)

In Context: “‘But where does my laugh come in?’ demanded the Angel, as if she had been defrauded.” (p.189)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:

Consider the following quote:

“Well then,” said Freckles. “It’s only that I feel all over as if I belonged there. I could wear find clothes and move over those floors and hold me own against the best of them.” (page 189)

Could this be foreshadowing? How might it happen that Freckles will wear fine clothes and know how to move about among the rich and influential? Will Freckles find out that he has a family and is actually wealthy? Will he inherit McLean’s wealth? Will he marry the Angel and share in her father’s money? Will Freckles make his own mark and become educated and wealthy? What is your guess? Write a paragraph.

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Chapter 12

Synopsis from the text:

Black Jack captures Freckles and the Angel captures Jack.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **obliterated** (You may have to look up **obliterate**.)

In Context: “Then he obliterated all signs of his work and arranged the grass over the wire until it was so completely covered that only minute examination would reveal it.” (p.195)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **trussed** (You may have to look up **truss**.)

In Context: “Almost before he realized that anything had happened, he was trussed to a tree and securely gagged.” (page 197)

Guess the

Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **fatigue**

In Context: “After the fatigue of the party, it was useless to expect her and the Angel today...” (p. 200)

Guess the

Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **conspire**

In Context: “After he had conspired to make him appear a runaway thief to his loved ones, what was it that Wessner would do to him?” (p.200)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **encompass**

In Context: “After all, what did it matter what they did to his body if by some scheme of the devil they could encompass his disgrace?” (p.200)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **crimson**

In Context: “The men began to laugh while Jack flushed crimson.” (p. 205)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **fathom**

In Context: “...his eyes were burning on the Angel as if he would fathom the depths of her soul.” (p.201)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **winsomely** (You may have to look up the word **winsome**.)

In Context: “‘Well,’ said the Angel winsomely, ‘I know what I just wish you’d do.’”
(p.205)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **countenance**

In Context: “...the glance he gave the men was of such a nature that no one saw fit
even to change countenance.” (p.206)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

10. The Word: **rapturously**

In Context: “The Angel drew a deep breath and surveyed him rapturously.” (p.206)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

11. The Word: **severed** (You may have to look up **sever**.)

In Context: “She severed the stems, tossed the knife to Freckles ... and laid the flowers over his heart.” (p.207)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

12. The Word: **exploit** (Used as a noun, not a verb)

In Context: She had “a fine little 32-caliber revolver that her father had presented her for her share in what he was pleased to call her military exploit.” (p.210)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

13. The Word: **succumb**

In Context: “Jack succumbed. Freckles was his captive, but he was the Angel’s, soul and body.” (p.211)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:
none

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Chapter 13

Synopsis:

It seems to Hester that the Reverend Dimmesdale is declining in physical health and emotional stability. Believing Roger Chillingworth to be behind much of Dimmesdale’s pain, Hester vows to speak with her former husband.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **grovel**

In Context: “It groveled helpless on the ground, even while his intellectual faculties retained their pristine strength.” (p.146)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **requital**

In Context: “None so ready as she to give of her little substance to every demand of poverty; even though the bitter-hearted pauper threw back a gibe in requital of the food brought regularly to his door...” (p.147)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **meed**

In Context: “The helpful inmate had departed, without one backward glance to gather up the meed of gratitude...” (p.148)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **despotic**

In Context: “The public is despotic in its temper... capable of denying common justice, when too strenuously demanded as a right; but quite as frequently it awards more than justice when the appeal is made...to its generosity.” (p.148-149)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **emancipated**

In Context: “It was an age in which the human intellect, newly emancipated, had taken a more active and a wider range than for many centuries before.” (p.151)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **imbibed**

In Context: “Men bolder than these had overthrown and rearranged...the whole system of ancient prejudice, wherewith was linked much of ancient principle. Hester Prynne imbibed this spirit. She assumed a freedom of speculation... (p.151)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **stigmatized** (You may have to look up **stigma**.)

In Context: “She assumed a freedom of speculation, then common enough on the other side of the Atlantic, but which our forefathers, had they known it, would have held to be a deadlier crime than that stigmatized by the scarlet letter..” (p.151)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **obviate**

In Context: “Finally, all other difficulties being obviated, woman cannot take advantage of these preliminary reforms, until she herself shall have undergone a still mightier change... (p.152)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **acquiesce**

In Context: “Her only justification lay in the fact that she had been able to discern no method of rescuing him from a blacker ruin than had overwhelmed herself, except by acquiescing in Roger Chillingworth’s scheme of disguise.” (p.153)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

10. The Word: **concoct**

In Context: "...she beheld the old physician, with a basket on one arm...stooping along the ground in quest of roots and herbs to concoct his medicines withal. (p.153)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:
none

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Chapter 14

Synopsis:

Hester speaks with Roger Chillingworth to tell him that she will no longer keep his identity from Reverend Dimmesdale.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **accosted**

In Context: "Meanwhile her mother had accosted the physician. 'I would speak a word with you,' said she." (p.154)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **confidant**

In Context: "...he (was) glad of an opportunity to discuss it with the only person of whom he could make a confidant." (p.156)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **propinquity**

In Context: "But it was the constant shadow of (his) presence – the closest propinquity of the man whom he had most vilely wronged ..." (p.157)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **usurping** (You may have to look up **usurp**.)

In Context: "The unfortunate physician, while uttering these words, lifted his hands with a look of horror, as if he had beheld some frightful shape, which he could not recognize, usurping the place of his own image in a glass." (p.157)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **avenge**

In Context: “‘I have left thee to the scarlet letter,’ replied Roger Chillingworth. ‘If that (has) not avenged me, I can do no more.’” (p.158)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:

Consider the following passage:

In a word, old Roger Chillingworth was a striking evidence of man’s faculty of transforming himself into a devil, if he will only, for a reasonable space of time, undertake a devil’s office. (page 155)

Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? Write a three-paragraph paper. Title it:
Becoming What You Do

Be sure to make reference to the above-mentioned quote. Then move to modern day examples of how one might become what he or she does. Close with a clincher sentence to wrap it all up.

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Chapter 15

Synopsis from the text:

Freckles and the Angel try taking a picture of Little Chicken.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **array**

In Context: “The Limberlost was now arrayed as the Queen of Sheba in all her glory.” (p. 253)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **palpitant** (You may have to look up **palpitating**.)

In Context: “The swamp was palpitant with life.” (p.254)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **preponderance**

In Context: “Among the birds it really seemed as if the little yellow fellows were in the preponderance.” (p. 237)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **relinquish**

In Context: "...he was looking at the log and he made no move to relinquish the bulb."
(p.257)

Guess the

Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **sundry**

In Context: "He gave his head sundry little sidewise jerks and rapidly shifted his point
of vision." (p.258)

Guess the

Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **awry**

In Context: "His hat was awry, his bright hair rampant, his breast heaving with
excitement..." (p. 258)

Guess the

Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **rampant**

In Context: “His hat was awry, his bright hair rampant, his breast heaving with excitement...” (p. 258)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **mortification**

In Context: “He gulped with mortification and turned his back.” (p. 259)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **expostulate**

In Context: “‘Oh, Freckles!’ expostulated the Angel. ‘Are you loony? Of course, it was all my fault!’” (p. 260)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:

On page 253, we can read a classic example of personification:

The Limberlost was now arrayed as the Queen of Sheba in all her glory. The first frosts of autumn had bejewelled her crown in flashing topaz, ruby, and emerald. Around her feet trailed the purple of her garments, while in her hand was her golden scepter.

This is not the first time that Gene Stratton-Porter has used personification to describe the Limberlost. On page 213, we find this quote:

When the mighty tree fell, the Limberlost shivered and screamed with the echo.

On page 18, there is another example of personification. In this quote, the Limberlost is even given gender by the pronoun choice.

The Limberlost stirred gently, then shook herself, growled, and awoke around him (Freckles).

Let's review the meaning of personification. It is simply giving human qualities to entities that are *not* human. A swamp cannot really hold a golden scepter. A swamp cannot really scream. A swamp cannot really growl.

Your assignment is to write a short story (about 3 paragraphs) where something that does not normally have human qualities is personified. Suggestions:

A story about a tree that talks.

A narrative about a car that drives itself.

A poem about a pot that tells you what to put in it as you cook.

Be creative and have fun with this!

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Chapter 16

Synopsis from the text:

The Angel locates a rare tree and dines with the gang.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **veracity**

In Context: “‘You’d best be looking after your reputation for truth and veracity,’ said the Angel.” (p. 268)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **scoff**

In Context: “‘You know you saw that sapling first!’ ‘Yes, after you took me back and set me looking for it,’ scoffed Freckles.” (p.268)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **stealthy**

In Context: “...isn’t it a delight to hear the good, honest ring of those axes, instead of straining your ears for stealthy sounds?” (p. 269)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **ensconced**

In Context: “When she was ensconced on the wagon-load of tenting, she sat on a roll of canvas as a queen on her throne.” (p.271)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **deference**

In Context: “There was no man among them who needed her exquisite face or dainty clothing to teach him that the deference due a gentle-woman should be paid her.” (p.271)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **jubilant**

In Context: “She was having a happy time, when McLean came back jubilant from his trip to the tree.” (p. 275)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **discretion**

In Context: “How jubilant he told only the Angel, for he had been obliged to lose faith in some trusted men of late, and had learned discretion by what he suffered.” (p. 275)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **jestingly** (You may have to look up **jest** or **jesting**.)

In Context: “‘Tell me, Angel,’ the Boss said jestingly; ‘I think I have a right to know. Who really did locate that tree?’” (p. 275)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **emphatically**

In Context: “‘Freckles,’ she answered promptly and emphatically.” (p. 275)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

10. The Word: **grimace**

In Context: “‘If it’s all the same to you, I’ll be taking mine out in music lessons – begging your pardon – voice culture,’ said Freckles, with a grimace.” (p. 276)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:

Write a poem using the word **ensconced**. Your poem may or may not rhyme. Meter or lack of rhythm is up to you. The only requirement (other than it use the word ensconced) is that it be at least 8 lines long.

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Chapter 17

Synopsis from the text:

Freckles offers his life for love and gets a broken body.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **impenetrable**

In Context: “The gang could approach nearest on the outside toward the east, but after they reached the end of the east entrance, there was yet a mile of most impenetrable thicket, trees big and little, and bushes of every variety and stage of growth.” (p. 281)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **tangible**

In Context: “Freckles ... had gone to the tree ahead of the gang to remove the blue ribbon ... He was promising himself much comfort with that ribbon, when he would leave for the city next month to begin his studies and dream the summer over again. It would help make things tangible.” (p.281)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **virtually**

In Context: “When Freckles said she had not yet come, the Boss at once gave orders to stop work on the tree until she arrived; for he felt that she virtually had located it, and if she desired to see it felled, she should.” (p. 282)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **ominous**

In Context: “There was an ominous grinding at the base, a shiver of the mighty trunk, then directly in line of its fall the bushes swung apart and the laughing face of the Angel looked on them.” (p.282)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **ineffable**

In Context: “Freckles settled back, a smile of ineffable tenderness on his face.”
(p.284)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **vestige**

In Context: “The sight of it washed every vestige of color from the Angel’s (face).”
(pp. 284-285)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **entreaty**

In Context: “It was half command, half entreaty.” (p. 285)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **implored** (You may have to look up **implore**.)

In Context: ““Easy, Angel, easy! Let me rest a bit first!’ implored Freckles.” (p. 285)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **exulted** (You may have to look up **exult**.)

In Context: ““Of course, you couldn’t! Me bird has too amazing good sense to go back when he could be following you,’ exulted Freckles...” (p. 286)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

10. The Word: **dolt**

In Context: “The choice lay with you. You could have stood a rooted dolt like all the remainder of us.” (p. 287)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

11. The Word: **dire**

In Context: “The Angel had been told that the word ... would be final, so she ... dropped the curtains behind her, and in dire anxiety, waited the opening of the door.” (p. 287)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

12. The Word: **inertia**

In Context: “He is so low, that preferring death to life, nature cannot overcome his inertia.” (p. 294)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

13. The Word: **pallor**

In Context: “A rosy flush swept the pallor of fear from her face.” (p. 296)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:

none

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Chapter 18

Synopsis from the text:

Freckles refuses love without knowledge of honorable birth; the Angel goes in quest of it.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **sinewy**

In Context: “Freckles’ sinewy fist knotted into the coverlet.” (p. 303)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **transfigured**

In Context: “She buried her face in the pillow and presently lifted it, transfigured.” (p.305)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **deceptive**

In Context: “You attacked single-handed a man almost twice your size, and fought as a demon, merely at the suggestion that you be deceptive and dishonest.” (p. 306)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **etiquette**

In Context: “...you are the most perfect gentleman ... Hundreds of men couldn’t be taught, even in a school of etiquette; so it must be instinctive with you.” (p.307)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **instinctive**

In Context: "...you are the most perfect gentleman ... Hundreds of men couldn't be taught, even in a school of etiquette; so it must be instinctive with you." (p.307)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **perception**

In Context: "...my father refer(s) to you...as being of fine perception and honor." (p. 307)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **perpetual**

In Context: "...you just go on breathing like perpetual motion ..." (p. 308)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **defiance**

In Context: “The Angel smiled defiance into his eyes.” (p. 311)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **vexation**

In Context: “The tears of vexation rolled down the tired, nerve-racked Angel’s cheeks.” (p. 314)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

10. The Word: **indignant**

In Context: “‘Well, my dear,’ he said at last, ‘How can I serve you?’ Instantly the Angel became indignant.” (p. 316)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

11. The Word: **injunction**

In Context: “He ... suddenly found it so good that it was difficult to follow the next injunction.” (p. 317)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

12. The Word: **penitence**

In Context: “‘But I began all wrong, and now I don’t know how to make you like me,’ said his lordship, with sincere penitence in his tone.” (p. 317)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

13. The Word: **judicially**

In Context: “‘Well,’ said the Angel judicially, ‘the Bird Woman says no one in the whole world knows all a man’s bignesses and all his littlenesses as his wife does.’” (p. 318)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:

none

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Chapter 19

Synopsis from the text:

Freckles finds his birthright and the Angel loses her heart.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **emphatically** (You might have to look up **emphatic**.)

In Context: “‘Why, because nobody else would ever sit and do it the way it is done. That’s how I know,’ she said emphatically.” (p. 324)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **frankness**

In Context: “It was the delight of hearing her speak that she looked one squarely in the face and with perfect frankness.” (p.324)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **vicar**

In Context: ““But the poor younger son, he had been in love with the village vicar’s daughter all his life.”” (p. 325)

Guess the
Meaning:

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **troupe**

In Context: “Soon she grew to be a fine singer, (and could) ... travel with the troupe.” (p.326)

Guess the
Meaning:

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **distracted**

In Context: “Rents went up, and they had to move farther out to cheaper ... places; and you were coming ... and they were almost distracted.” (p.326)

Guess the
Meaning:

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **pawn**

In Context: “When the baby came, there was very little left to pawn for food and a doctor, and nothing at all for a nurse; so an old neighbor woman went in and took care of the young mother and the little baby because she was so sorry for them.” (p. 326)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **pinion**

In Context: “She pinioned Freckles’ arms to his sides and bent above him.” (p. 329)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **unremitting**

In Context: “The day had been one unremitting strain with the Angel.” (p. 329)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **stifle**

In Context: “The ... Angel caught him in her arms and tried to stifle the sound.” (p. 330)

Guess the
Meaning:

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

10. The Word: **commence**

In Context: “After a long time...the Angel commenced talking to him gently...” (p. 330)

Guess the
Meaning:

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

11. The Word: **perspiration**

In Context: “Freckles was very tired; the big drops of perspiration ran together on his temples...” (p. 330)

Guess the
Meaning:

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

12. The Word: **exalted** (You may have to look up **exalt**.)

In Context: “Oh ... me beautiful little mother!’ chanted Freckles over and over in exalted wonder...” (p. 330)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

13. The Word: **refinement**

In Context: “‘Wait!’ cried the Angel with inborn refinement...” (p. 330)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

14. The Word: **scrawl**

In Context: “She hurried to the table, caught up the nurse’s pencil, and on the back of a prescription table scrawled” his name. (p. 331)

Guess the
Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

15. The Word: **dower** (You may have to look up **dowry**.)

In Context: “Your uncle says your grandmother left your father her dower house and estate, because she knew his father would cut him off.” (p. 331)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

16. The Word: **spasmodic**

In Context: “Her chin began a spasmodic quivering and the tears sprang into her eyes.” (p. 332)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

17. The Word: **indignation**

In Context: “The Angel’s head sprang from the pillow and her tear-stained face flamed with outraged indignation.” (p. 332)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

18. The Word: **elaborate** (Be sure to use it as an adjective.)

In Context: “He was so stunned and bewildered by the miracle that had been performed in bringing to light his name and relatives that he had no strength left for elaborate mental processes.” (p. 333)

Guess the

Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

19. The Word: **rapture**

In Context: “He could find no word with which to begin to voice the rapture of his heart...” (p. 333)

Guess the

Meaning:_____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

Writing Assignment:

Consider the following passage from the text:

For the first time she was talking to him and avoiding his eyes. That was not like the Angel at all.

The Angel had quite a bit to tell Freckles, yet she did not come right to the point. She began telling him a story about some relatives who were looking for a boy much like him. And she did not look him in the eyes as she talked. Why do you suppose she did this? Write a paragraph explaining your ideas. (If you need some help, read pages 328 – 329 for more details. Start with the last paragraph on page 328. It begins “‘It seems to me,’ said Freckles...” Then read all the way to the bottom of page 329.)

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Chapter 20

Synopsis from the text:

Freckles returns to the Limberlost and Lord O’More sails for Ireland without him.

Vocabulary:

1. The Word: **resemblance**

In Context: “‘Later in the day he (Freckles) insisted on seeing Lord and Lady O’More, but he fainted before the resemblance of another man to him, and he gave all of his friends a terrible fright.” (p. 339)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

2. The Word: **spendthrift**

In Context: “‘But if it’s for me to choose whether I give all I have left in this world to a man lacking a hand, or to one of these gambling, tippling, immoral spendthrifts of today, with ... a rotten spot in the core, I choose you; and it seems that my daughter does the same.’” (p.340)

Guess the

Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

3. The Word: **genially** (You may look up **genial**.)

In Context: "...his lordship had chatted genially of Freckles' rapid recovery..." (p. 342)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

4. The Word: **pungent**

In Context: "Every word he uttered was pungent with bitterness to McLean." (p.342)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

5. The Word: **maimed** (You may have to look up **maim**.)

In Context: "Freckles was using the maimed arm that previously he always had hidden." (p.343)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

6. The Word: **quivering** (You may have to look up **quiver**.)

In Context: “Freckles’ eyes were filled with tears and his face quivering with feeling.” (p. 346)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

7. The Word: **exulted** (You may have to look up **exult**.)

In Context: “‘I’m thinking here’s me Angel’s stone,’ he exulted. ‘The Limberlost, and me with it, grew...but it’s going to bloom ... in this!’” (p. 347)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

8. The Word: **endowed** (You may have to look up **endow**.)

In Context: “‘I intended to have your voice tested by some master, and if you really were endowed for a career as a great musician, and had inclinations that way, I wished to have you drop some of the college work and make music your chief study.’” (p. 349)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

9. The Word: **inclination**

In Context: ““I intended to have your voice tested by some master, and if you really were endowed for a career as a great musician, and had inclinations that way, I wished to have you drop some of the college work and make music your chief study.”” (p. 349)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

10. The Word: **abruptly** (You may have to look up **abrupt**.)

In Context: “After a long time...the Angel commenced talking to him gently...” (p. 350)

Guess the
Meaning: _____

Dictionary Definition:

Your Sentence:

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