

Life of Pi

VOCABULARY

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Class: _____

Date: _____

Learning Target:

1. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: “When I told a friend who knew the country well of my travel plans, he said casually, ‘They speak a funny English in India. They use words like **bamboozle**.’ I used the word on occasion, and truth be told, it served me well. To a clerk at the train station I said, ‘I didn’t think the fare would be so expensive. You’re not trying to **bamboozle** me, are you?’”

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

2. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: “I was a very good student, if I may say so myself. I was tops at St. Michael’s College four years in a row. I got every possible student award from the Department of Zoology...I would have received the Governor General’s Academic Medal, the University of Toronto’s highest undergraduate award, of which no small number of **illustrious** Canadians have been recipients...”

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

3. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: “He tried to teach my parents to swim, but he never got them to go beyond wading up to their knees at the beach and making **ludicrous** round motions with their arms, which, if they were practicing the breaststroke, made them look as if they were walking through a jungle, spreading the tall grass ahead of them...”

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

4. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: “You must imagine a hot humid place, bathed in sunshine and bright colors. The riot of flowers is **incessant**.”

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

5. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "I couldn't bear to have yet another French speaker **guffawing** at my name, so when the man on the phone asked, 'Can I have your name?' I said, 'I am who I am.' Half an hour later two pizzas arrived for 'Ian Hoolihan'."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

6. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "A new beginning. I repeated the stunt with every teacher...Between one commonly named boy and the next, I rushed forward and **emblazoned**, sometimes with a terrible screech, the details of my rebirth."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

7. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "My Arabic was never very good, but I loved its sound. The **guttural** eruptions and long flowing vowels rolled just beneath my comprehension like a beautiful brook."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

8. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "Once an oaf chased me away from the Great Mosque. When I went to church the priest glared at me so that I could not feel the peace of Christ. A Brahmin sometimes shooed me away from darshan. My religious doings were reported to my parents in the hushed, urgent tones of treason revealed. As if this small-mindedness did God any good. To me, religion is about our dignity, not our **depravity**."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

9. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "The nature of the circus trainer's ascendancy is psychological. Foreign surroundings, the trainer's erect posture, calm **demeanor**, steady gaze, fearless step forward, strange roar...these are so many factors that will fill an animal's mind with doubt and fear..."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

10. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "Mother was appareled in her finest sari. Her long tress, artfully folded back and attached to the back of her head, was **adorned** with a garland of fresh jasmine flowers. She looked beautiful."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

11. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "The victim bore its suffering patiently, without showy **remonstrations**."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

12. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "When your own life is threatened, your sense of empathy is blunted by a terrible, selfish hunger for survival. It was sad that it (the zebra) was suffering so much but there was nothing I could do about it. I felt pity and then I moved on. This is not something that I am proud of. I am sorry I was so **callous** about the matter."

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

13. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "If goats could be brought to live **amicably** with rhinoceros, why not orang-utans with hyenas? That would be the big winner at a zoo. A sign would be put up... 'Dear Public, Do not be afraid for the orang-utans...you will see them climbing down from their trees and moving about the grounds, absolutely unmolested by the hyenas.'"

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

14. WOD: _____ **Connotation:** + / - **POS:** _____

MOD: "How I had failed to notice for two and a half days a 450-pound Bengal tiger in a lifeboat twenty-six feet long was a **conundrum** I would have to try to crack later, when I had more energy. "

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

15. WOD: _____

Connotation: + / -

POS: _____

MOD: ““You fool and idiot...Do you really think you can outlast his (Richard Parker’s) kidneys? I tell you, if you wage a war of **attrition**, you will lose it! You will die!”

Prediction: _____

Denotation: _____

Sentence: _____

Journal Prompts

For each box below, choose **one** journal prompt to address. Journals should be a **minimum of 7 sentences in length** and must include the selected **vocabulary word**. Please darken your punctuation, highlight the vocabulary word, and make sure sentences don’t start with a conjunction (so, and, or, but, because).

1. Describe a time when you **bamboozled** someone or someone **bamboozled** you.
2. If you could meet any of our nation’s **illustrious** leaders, who would you meet and why?
3. Name five **ludicrous** things that have happened to you.

4. Describe something unpleasant, something **incessant** that seems to never end.
5. Do you have a name/nickname that causes **guffawing**? Explain.
6. Do you own any clothing or memorabilia **emblazoned** with your favorite sport’s team’s name? Or your favorite singer’s face? Describe this item in detail.

7. What causes you to make **guttural** sounds? Describe these sounds in detail.
8. Our world is filled with **depravity**. Describe some of this corruption.
9. Do you have a calm **demeanor** or are you intense? Describe your outward behavior.

10. When have you dressed up, **adorned** in beautiful garments and accessories? Describe how you felt?
11. Describe a time when you initially didn’t get your way, but by offering a few pleading **remonstrations** your opposition finally gave in.
12. Describe the most **callous** person you know. What types of things does he/she say? What types of things does he/she do?

13. Give 5 tips to **amicably** get along with group members.
14. Describe some of life’s greatest **conundrums**.
15. Have you ever had a battle of **attrition** with someone? What was it over? Who won?

