

### Vocabulary Chart for “The Ransom of Red Chief”

Keep a list of words you have learned throughout the unit.

| Word        | Part of Speech | My Definition  | Synonyms, Antonyms, and Similar Words (Word Family)                        | Picture and Source Sentence  |
|-------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| inhabitants | noun           | people who live in a particular place                            | habitat, inhabit<br>Synonyms: residents, citizens                          | “It contained inhabitants of as undeleterious and self-satisfied a class of peasantry as ever clustered around a Maypole.”   |
| prominent   | adjective      | well known   | prominence, promontory<br>Synonym: famous<br>Antonym: unknown              | “We selected for our victim the only child of a prominent citizen named Ebenezer Dorset.”  |
| regarded    | verb           | thought about, considered  | regard, regarding, in regard to, regardless<br>Synonym: considered         | “I made him and Bill shake hands, and then I took Bill aside and told him I was going to Poplar Cove, a little village three miles from the cave, and find out what I could about how the kidnapping had been regarded in Summit.” |
| dictating   | verb           | commanding   | dictate, dictations<br>Synonym: saying                                     | “Also, I thought it best to send a peremptory letter to old man Dorset that day, demanding the ransom and dictating how it should be paid.”  |
| acceded     | verb           | agree to   | accede<br>Synonym: give in   | “So, to relieve Bill, I acceded, and we collaborated a letter that ran this way...”  |
| desperate   | adjective      | having little hope and willing to do whatever to have hope again | desperation, despair, desperately<br>Synonyms: hopeless, last-ditch effort | “TWO DESPERATE MEN”  |
| scheme      | noun           | a plan or a plot   | scheming, schemer  | “You'd better keep him interested,” said I, “till we get the scheme going. Loosen up.”   |