

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Master Vocabulary List

Ch. 1-3	
Corduroy	A durable cotton fabric with ribbing
Exasperation	Frustration or anger; irritation
Admonish	To warn a person to correct a fault; to criticize in a mild way
Trudge	To walk in a slow, heavy way
Ornate	Excessively ornamental; elaborately decorated; showy
Dense	Compact or thick; slow to understand
Loiter	To stay around for no apparent reason; to dawdle or delay
Temerity	Boldness; daring; nerve
Tantrum	An outburst of rage or bad temper
Resiliency	Ability to recover or bounce back from a shock without permanent after-effects
Flirt (v)	To make teasing romantic overtures; to act as to attract attention
Meticulous	Very precise; done carefully with attention to small details
Concession	A tract of land that is granted by a government for a particular use; a granted privilege
Raucous	Loud, disorderly, or rowdy sound
Pensive	Thoughtful; seriously or quietly reflective
Outwit	To trick, baffle, or outsmart with ingenuity
Tormentor	One who causes extreme mental anguish or physical pain; one who annoys or pesters
Knell	To sound a bell, especially when rung for a funeral; a signal of distress
Venison	Deer meat
Imperiously	Done in a commanding, domineering way; urgently
Stealthily	Done secretly or underhandedly

Ch. 4-5	
Aloof	Indifferent or distant
Feign	To make a false show of; to make up a false story and pass off as truth; to deceive; to fabricate
Nauseous	The feeling of having an upset stomach and a need to vomit
Glint	To sparkle, glitter, or gleam; to appear briefly or faintly
Malevolently	Done with ill-will or spite toward another; sinisterly; with evil intention
Falter	To waver; to be uncertain or hesitant in voice or action
Emphatic	Expressed or spoken with importance
Envision	To picture in one's mind
Discourse	Conversation; talk
Engross	To be taken up with whole interest or attention; to be consumed or absorbed in something
Vague	Unclear; ambiguous
Subdue	To control; to reduce intensity
Dense	Thickly crowded together
Interject	To throw in between or among other things; to add
Subtle	Hardly noticeable; sly
Proprietor(s)	Owner(s)
Mercantile	Relating to merchants or trading

Ch. 6-7	
Audible	Capable of being heard; loud enough to be heard
Chignon	A knot of hair worn at the back of the neck; a “bun”
Apprehensive	Unsure of; worried; viewing the future with anxiety
Placid	Undisturbed; peaceful; tranquil
Condone	Excuse, pardon, or overlook as harmless or unimportant
Obedience	Submission to the command or restraint of authority
Inaudible	Not capable of being heard; not loud enough to be heard
Bridge (v.)	Bring together
Languid	Weak; listless; slow
Goad	To urge
Boycott	To abstain from buying or using a good or service as a means of coercion or intimidation
Sulk	To become moodily silent or irritable
Frustration	a feeling of dissatisfaction, often accompanied by anxiety or depression, resulting from unfulfilled needs or unresolved problems
Interminable	Endless

Ch. 8-9	
Reassure	To restore confidence
Saunter	To stroll
Seep	To flow or pass slowly through cracks or fine pores
Comprehending	Understanding
Indignant	Marked by anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean
Feign	To put on an appearance of; to fake
Irritably	Done with annoyance or agitation
Generate	To bring about; to produce; to create
Pneumonia	An inflammatory disease of the lungs
Scowl	To frown in a sullen, displeased, or angry manner
Suspicious	Marked by mistrust, uncertainty, doubt, skepticism
Rile	To make angry

Ch. 10-12	
Despondent	Without hope, courage, or spirit
Scheme	Plan
Interminable	Endless; prolonged in space or time
Urgent	Requiring immediate attention; important
Humdrum	Dull; monotonous; boring
Crescendo	Increasing in loudness
Reproach	To blame or disapprove
Desolate	Lonely; gloomy; barren
Acrid	Deeply bitter in taste
Persistent	Continuing
Despicable	Vile; mean; detestable
Flimsy	Lacking strength or substance; of inferior materials and workmanship; having little worth of belief