

# ***The Pearl***

## **Vocabulary List**

**Directions:** Use a dictionary to look up the following vocabulary words from the novella. Be sure to keep your definitions for use with future vocabulary worksheets and activities.

### **Chapter One**

covey (1)  
detachment (3)  
rigidity (5)  
savage (5)  
plaintively (5)  
strenuous (8)  
consolation (9)  
ignorance (9)  
avarice (9)  
indigent (9)  
discontent (10)  
suppliant (12)

### **Chapter Two**

bulwark (14)  
undulating (17)  
obscured (17)  
perceptible (17)  
deliberately (18)  
decency (18)  
speculatively (18)  
deftly (19)  
writhed (19)  
incandescence (19)  
instinctively (20)  
receding (20)

### **Chapter Three**

judicious (22)  
disparagement (25)  
reluctant (27)  
solemnly (28)  
probed (29)  
dissembling (32)  
subsided (33)  
frantic (33)  
adoration (35)  
taut (35)  
cozened (39)  
lucence (39)

### **Chapter Four**

tithe (42)  
countenanced (42)  
vigor (44)  
dignity (45)  
stalwart (47)  
benign (47)  
contemptuous (49)  
spurned (49)  
contrary (50)  
monstrosity (51)  
brooding (53)  
lethargy (55)

### **Chapter Five**

wrenched (59)  
bared (59)  
preservation (60)  
skirled (62)  
exhilaration (62)  
interval (63)  
edifice (63)  
rummaged (64)  
forestalled (65)  
crouching (65)  
divert (65)  
fondled (66)

### **Chapter Six**

monotonously (69)  
lumbered (69)  
resinous (70)  
interwoven (71)  
sentinel (72)  
guttural (72)  
goaded (75)  
petulant (80)  
murmur (82)  
intercession (84)  
germane (84)  
malignant (89)

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## ***Vocabulary with Definitions***

### **Chapter One**

1. covey (1): noun; a group or flock
2. detachment (3): noun; existing without connections or concern
3. rigidity (5): noun; stiffness and inflexibility
4. savage (5): adj.; natural, rugged, and uncivilized
5. plaintively (5): adv.; sorrowfully; mournfully
6. strenuous (8): adj.; demanding or exhausting
7. consolation (9): noun; reassurance or comfort
8. ignorance (9): noun; a lack of knowledge or information
9. avarice (9): noun; unquenchable greed
10. indigent (9): adj.; poor; needy; without food, clothing, shelter, etc.
11. discontent (10): noun; displeasure or disappointment
12. suppliant (12): adj.; humble or modest

### **Chapter Two**

1. bulwark (14): noun; a blockade whether figuratively or metaphorically; protection from danger or loss
2. undulating (17): verb; moving back and forth in a fluid-like motion
3. obscured (17): adj.; covered; hidden
4. perceptible (17): adj.; able to be seen or recognized
5. deliberately (18): adv.; carefully, slowly, and intentionally
6. decency (18): noun; appropriate or proper behavior
7. speculatively (18): adv.; with careful forethought as a result of being unsure of the outcome
8. deftly (19): adv.; with skill and talent
9. writhed (19): verb; twisted or squirmed violently
10. incandescence (19): noun; light produced from within an object
11. instinctively (20): adv.; naturally; without thinking
12. receding (20): verb; moving back or away from

### **Chapter Three**

1. judicious (22): adj.; done with good sense, fairness, and logic
2. disparagement (25): noun; words that cast someone or something in a bad light
3. reluctant (27): adj.; hesitant; unwilling
4. solemnly (28): adv.; with sadness; somberly
5. probed (29): verb; inspected closely or thoroughly
6. dissembling (32): verb; hiding one's true feelings or motives
7. subsided (33): verb; settled; became less active
8. frantic (33): adj.; fearful or panicked
9. adoration (35): noun; great respect; worship
10. taut (35): adj.; tight or strained
11. cozened (39): verb; deceived or tricked
12. lucence (39): noun; glow or shine

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## **Chapter Four**

1. tithe (42): noun; a tax or offering paid to the church
2. countenanced (42): verb; allowed or accepted
3. vigor (44): noun; energy or intensity
4. dignity (45): noun; self-respect
5. stalwart (47): adj.; sturdily built; strong
6. benign (47): adj.; non-threatening; kind
7. contemptuous (49): adj.; showing scorn or hatred of something
8. spurned (49): verb; rejected or showed disapproval
9. contrary (50): adj.; opposite or unfavorable
10. monstrosity (51): noun; something ugly, out of the norm, or unusually odd
11. brooding (53): verb; feeling sad or depressed
12. lethargy (55): noun; a tired or sluggish feeling

## **Chapter Five**

1. wrenched (59): verb; twisted or jolted suddenly away from
2. bared (59): verb; revealed or showed
3. preservation (60): noun; protection; maintenance of existence
4. skirled (62): adj.; sounded shrill or piercing; shrieked
5. exhilaration (62): noun; excitement or joy
6. interval (63): noun; a period of time between two points or instances
7. edifice (63): noun; a large, imposing structure
8. rummaged (64): verb; searched through
9. forestalled (65): verb; prevented or stopped
10. crouching (65): verb; bending down; hunching over
11. divert (65): verb; to move off course
12. fondled (66): verb; handled gently or affectionately

## **Chapter Six**

1. monotonously (69): adv.; dully and tediously, without variation
2. lumbered (69): verb; walked heavily or awkwardly
3. resinous (70): adj.; sticky, organic substance similar to pitch or gum
4. interwoven (71): verb; entwined together; blended
5. sentinel (72): noun; a guard stationed to keep watch
6. guttural (72): adj.; harsh-sounding and coming from the throat
7. goading (75): verb; prodding or urging on
8. petulant (80): adj.; annoyed; sulking
9. murmur (82): noun; soft, low, sometimes inaudible speech
10. intercession (84): noun; the act of intervening or pleading for another person
11. germane (84): adj.; relevant or fitting
12. malignant (89): adj.; harmful or life-threatening