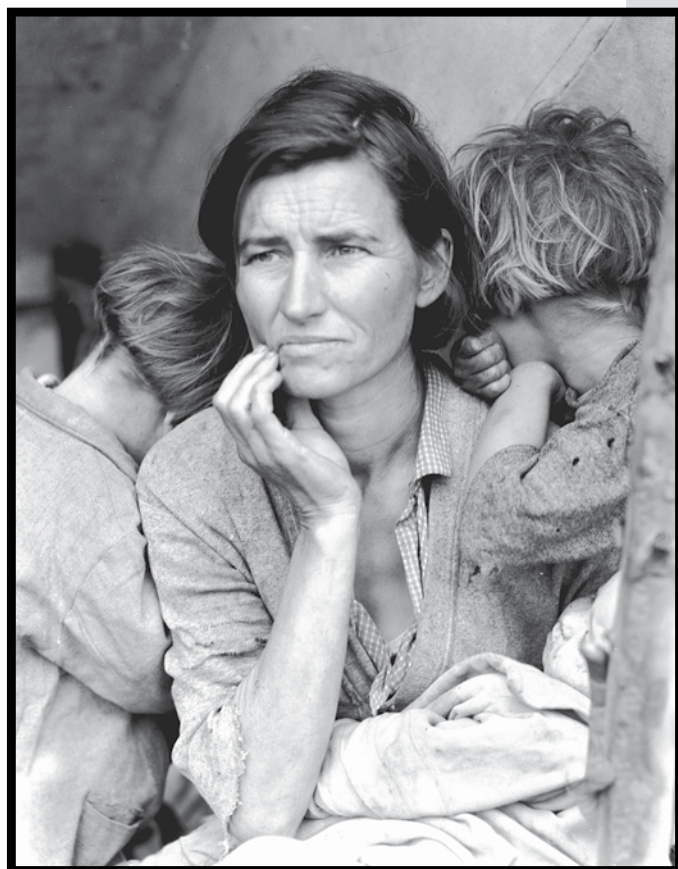


GRADE 6 MODULES

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Glossary

Grade 6

Module 1: *Resilience in the Great Depression*

Word	Definition
abandon	To leave behind someone or something with no plans for returning; to give up
Al Capone	American gangster and businessman who attained notoriety during the Prohibition era (Born: January 17, 1899; Died: January 25, 1947)
amateur	Of or pertaining to an amateur or amateurs; not professional
antiseptic	A substance that prevents infection in a wound by killing bacteria
bare	Not having a covering
basin	A sink
betrothal	An agreement that two people will be married in the future
bounty	Good things that are given or provided freely and in large amounts
brewing	Boiling ingredients to create a concoction or drink; beginning to develop, like a storm
bushel	A unit for measuring an amount of fruit and grain that is equal to about 35.2 liters in the United States.
busting	To break apart
butterfingers	A person who often drops things
chafed	Sore or damaged from rubbing; irritated or annoyed
civil	Polite but not friendly
coldcocked	To hit (someone) very hard; to knock out (someone) with a hard punch

Module 1: *Resilience in the Great Depression* – continued –

Word	Definition
combine	Machine that cuts crops (such as corn or wheat) and separate the seeds of the plant from the rest of the plant
commence	To begin
commies	Slang term for a Communist
companion	One who spends time with another
compassion	Sharing the suffering of another that produces the desire to help
composition	The structure or order of something; the combining of parts or elements that form something whole
compromise	The act of parties settling on an agreement as a result of every side giving up something
conservation	The act of protecting something from harm
considerate	Respecting the needs and feelings of others
cope	Tolerate; put up with; deal with
court	To seek the affections of someone; to try to gain the favor or love of
criminal	Something or someone associated with crime
dazzled	To blind by bright light; to bewilder and impress others by being brilliant in some way
defer	To postpone action
deformed	Having some type of noticeable disfigurement
depression	Feelings of overwhelming sadness
devastation	Destruction and ruin caused by or felt because of some act
devour	To ravenously eat; to process something greedily for one's enjoyment

Module 1: *Resilience in the Great Depression* – continued –

Word	Definition
disturbed	The condition of feeling or thinking in an unbalanced, irrational way
diversification	Changing (something) so that it has more different kinds of people or things
divining	Searching for underground water with a stick that is usually shaped like a Y
drought	The absence of rain over a long period of time
dunes	Hill of sand near an ocean or in a desert that is formed by the wind
elaborate	To explain thoroughly by providing details
elaboration	The act of explaining in a thorough way
embouchure	The way in which a player applies the mouth to the mouthpiece of a brass or wind instrument
endure	To continue to exist or hold out against despite adverse forces
engagement	A promise to meet or be present at a particular place and time
essence	The intrinsic nature of something
familiar	Someone or something that is generally known
fared	How well or badly something went
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation; the domestic intelligence and security service of the United States and its principal federal law enforcement agency, which was founded July 26, 1908
festered	To become worse as time passes; to become painful and infected
figurative language	Not meant to be interpreted in a literal way; metaphorical
fumbling	Search for something by reaching or touching with your fingers in an awkward or clumsy way

Module 1: Resilience in the Great Depression – continued –

Word	Definition
George Washington Carver	American agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion; the most prominent black scientist of the early 20th century (Born: 1860s; Died: January 5, 1943)
glowering	To glare with hostility
glum	In low spirits; sad or gloomy
grain elevator	Building or complex of buildings designed to stockpile or store grain
Great War	World War I; a global war that lasted from July 28, 1914, to November 11, 1918
hardship	A condition of great want, suffering, or difficulty
hospitality	The treatment of guests and strangers with generosity and kindness
human condition	Characteristics of human existence
icebox	Old-fashioned refrigerator
idled	Move without purpose
idiom	A form of expression that is not literal
igniter	A device for setting fire to fuel
imagery	Images employed in writing and art often for figurative purposes
impress	To make something known; to deeply affect or influence; to use pressure to leave a mark
initial	Pertaining to the beginning of something
insinuating	To make subtle, often negative, suggestions
J. Edgar Hoover	American law enforcement administrator who served as the first Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the United States (Born: January 1, 1895; Died: May 2, 1972)

Module 1: *Resilience in the Great Depression* – continued –

Word	Definition
lavatory	A room with a toilet and sink
loathsome	Extremely foul and repulsive
lopsided	Having one side that is lower or smaller than the other: uneven
making peace	Achieving freedom from mental strife or worry
migrants	People in transit for some purpose, such as farm workers seeking employment
Mission	A place homeless or poor people can find help
moldering	Rotting or decaying slowly
mortgage	A legal agreement in which a person borrows money to buy property and pays back the money over a period of years
nudge	To call someone's attention to something by pushing gently with the elbow
obliged	Very grateful; thankful
octaves	Difference in sound between the first and eighth note on a musical scale
ornery	Ill-tempered and extremely obstinate
panhandle	To ask strangers for money in a public place
parched	Dry or thirsty because of extreme heat
pawnshop	A business that offers secured loans to people, with items of personal property used as collateral
personal transformation	Major internal change in an individual
perspective	A person's point of view about a subject in literature, it means a particular way (negative, neutral, or positive) a character view someone or something
point of view	A way of looking at or thinking about something

Module 1: *Resilience in the Great Depression* – continued –

Word	Definition
practical	Sensible and judicious
Pretty Boy Floyd	Charles Arthur Floyd, nicknamed Pretty Boy Floyd, an American bank robber who operated in the West and Central states (Born: February 3, 1904; Died: October 22, 1934)
primed	To prepare for a particular purpose
process	Carefully planned action to achieve an end goal
procession	The act of moving along in an orderly, often formal, way
prodigy	A young person who is unusually talented in some way
prospects	Possible or probable future events or outcomes
Pullman porters	Men, usually former slaves, hired after the American Civil War to work on the railroads as attendants on sleeping cars
rehabilitate	To rejuvenate and restore to health
relationship	The condition of being connected
relevant	Relating to a subject in an appropriate way
repetition	Something that is repeated, an echo
resilient	Able to endure and surmount challenges or difficulties
revive	To make (someone or something) strong, healthy, or active again
revved	Accelerated the speed of (an engine), aroused or excited for an anticipated action
riled	Made angry; irritated or annoyed
rubric	A name or heading under which something is classified
scowling	Looking at someone or something in a way that shows anger or disapproval

Module 1: *Resilience in the Great Depression* – continued –

Word	Definition
searing	Very hot
simmering	Cooking (something) so that it is almost boiling for a certain period
slang	Informal spoken language made up of new words or new meanings for old words
smothering	To suffocate, stifle, or suppress
sod	The upper layer of soil that is made up of grass and plant roots
sorghum	A kind of tropical grass that is grown for food; the grain that grows on this grass
sow	To plant seeds in an area of ground
sparse	Meager; thinly distributed; not dense
spirits	A person's mental or emotional state
squirreled	Put in a safe or secret place especially so that it can be kept for future use
	Food; something that supports or strengthens life
strategy	Coordinated, planned actions that are meant to achieve an end goal
state of mind	Emotional or mental condition
stylistic devices	Literary techniques related to style
sufficient	Adequate or enough
surveying	An act of measuring and examining an area of land
survivor	Someone or something that lives or continues beyond or despite
sustain	To bear the weight of and support; to keep up to undergo, experience, or suffer; to endure without giving way or yielding

Module 1: *Resilience in the Great Depression* – continued –

Word	Definition
symbolism	Concrete symbols, in art or literature, that represent abstract concepts in a figurative way
sympathy	The feeling and showing of concern and compassion for someone in physical or mental pain
telegraph	An old-fashioned system of sending messages over long distances by using wires and electrical signals
test	The rigorous process of assessing something
texture	The surface of a work of art that gives it certain qualities, like roughness
theme	The central topic, subject, or message of a literary work
threshold	The material underneath a door that is part of a doorway
tone	The attitude that is conveyed through someone's choice of words and inflection, the general mood
transformation	A major change in the form, shape, character, or nature of something or someone
trapped	Caught in a trap
tumbleweed	Plants whose branches detach from the roots and form entities that the wind rolls
ultimate	The final aim of something
undergo	To experience or be subjected to something
wagering	Indicating what you think will happen or what you believe is probably true
warped	Twisted or bent into a different shape
withered	To fade or decay; to lose freshness or vigor; to shrivel up
writhed	Twisted your body from side to side

Module 2: A Hero's Journey

Word	Definition
abide	To live with or to accept
abode	The place where someone lives
adze	A cutting tool that has a thin curved blade and is used for shaping wood
ally	One who supports another person in a cause
annihilated	Completely destroyed
appalled	Feeling fear, shock, or disgust
archetype	A well-known, recurrent “character type” that possesses specific traits
arête	Virtue or excellence
atone	To do something good to show that you are sorry about doing something bad
auspicious	Likely to be followed by fortunate events; promising
austerity	A simple and plain quality
avatar	A god in human form
avenge/ avenging	Harm or punish someone who has harmed you or someone or something that you care about
averted	Prevent (something bad) from happening
background	The area in a picture that seems farthest away
baffled	Completely confused
balance	A way of organizing the shapes and colors in a work of art so that the sides appear even
bestowed	Gave as a gift or honor

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
blunder	Error; mistake
bounty	Good things that are given or provided freely and in large amounts; amount of money given to someone as a reward for catching a criminal
brandishing	Waving or swinging (something, such as a weapon) in a threatening or excited manner
celestial	of or relating to the sky or heaven
champion	Someone or something that has won a contest or competition
clambering	Climbing or crawling in an awkward way
clamored	To demand loudly
coffer	Box for holding money or other valuable things
color	A quality such as red, blue, green, yellow, , that you see when you look at something
complementary colors	Colors that are opposite each other on the color wheel: red/green; blue/orange; and yellow/violet
composition	How the artist organizes the components of a work of art
comrade	A close friend who shares one's interests
contemplation	The act of thinking deeply about something
context	Establishing what the story is about: its setting, main characters, and the conflicts characters address over the arc of the narrative
contrast	To be different especially in a way that is obvious
cosmic	Pertaining to the universe
cunning, cunningly	Cleverness used to trick others

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
curtly	Said or done in a quick and impolite way
deemed	Thought of in a particular way
demise	Death or the end of something that is thought of as being like a death
description	A statement that tells you how something or someone looks, sounds, : words that describe something or someone
desperate	Having extreme need for help
destitute	Extremely poor
dharma	The principle that a person has a moral duty to exhibit righteous or proper behavior
dialogue	The things that are said by the characters in a story, movie, or play
distraught	Very upset; not able to think clearly or behave normally
diva/deva	Gods (in Sanskrit)
divine	Godly
dung	Solid waste from an animal
dwindled	Gradually become smaller
embarked	Begun a journey
endowed	Freely or naturally provided
entranced	Filled with delight and wonder
envoy	A person who is sent by one government to represent it in dealing with another government
epic	Long poem following the deeds of a hero; broad and heroic scale

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
exploit	An exciting act or action
extensive	Reaching or stretching very far
fervently	Passionately and intently
fiendish	Very evil or cruel
fierce	Very violent
figure	A human or an animal in a work of art
flotsam	Floating pieces, parts, etc., from a ship that has been wrecked
focal point	The part of a work of art that seems the most important
foreground	The part of a painting, photograph, or drawing that seems closest to the viewer
fury	Violent anger
genre	The kind, style, or type of something
geometric shape	A shape with even curves, sides, or edges such as a circle, square, or triangle
goaded	Urged, forced to do something
grave	Very serious; requiring or causing serious thought or concern
grueling	Very difficult; requiring great effort
hordes	Large groups of people
hostile	Intending to cause harm
hubris	Arrogant pride
hull	The main part of a ship or boat; the deck, sides, and bottom of a ship or boat
humility	A modest view of one's self

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
idling	Spending time doing nothing useful
immortal	Not able to die
imperial	Royal
imposter	Fake; someone who pretends to be someone else
inconsolably	Extremely sad and not able to be comforted
influence	To have effect on
inner monologue	Unspoken thoughts by a character that help the reader achieves better understanding of that character; builds and releases tension; moves the plot forward
insubstantial	Not large or important; not strong or solid
integrity	A strong moral character
jeers	Shout insulting words at someone; laugh at or criticize someone in a loud and angry way
jostled	Pushed against (someone) while moving forward in a crowd of people
jubilant	Having or expressing great joy or having a happy feeling of success
Justice	Fairness
karma	The principle that a person's actions affect and determine his/her future or fate
keel	A long piece of wood or metal along the center of the bottom of a boat for stabilization
lamentation	An expression of great sorrow or deep sadness
lamented	Deeply missed—used to refer to someone who has died
languidly	Showing or having very little strength, energy, or activity

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
line	A long mark made by drawing with a pencil or paintbrush; one of the elements of art
loathed	To hate or be disgusted by
loophole	An inconsistency in the rules through which one can escape consequences
looters	People who steal things from (a place, such as a store or house) during a war or after destruction has been caused by fire, rioting, etc.
lowing	A characteristic deep sound from cattle or cows
lumbered	Moved clumsily
luxuriant	Having an appealingly rich quality
lyre	A musical instrument with strings that was used especially in ancient Greece
manipulative	Able to be operated with the hands or to be tampered with to one's own advantage, especially by devious means
mantra	A sound, word, or phrase that is repeated by someone who is praying or meditating
marveled	Felt great surprise, wonder, or admiration
mentor	A personal role models
mesmerized	Held the attention of (someone) entirely; interested or amazed (someone) so much that nothing else is seen or noticed
mobilized	Assembled and prepared for active duty, caused to be mobile
mockery	Behavior or speech that makes fun of someone or something in a hurtful way
moly	A mythical magic herb with black roots and white flowers that was given to Odysseus by Hermes to ward off the spells of Circe
mono	One, single, solitary

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
monomyth	Classic story about a hero undertaking a quest
myth	A story that forms part of the traditional knowledge of a society; something widely believed to be true that is not true
narration	Refers to the way a story is told; within a scene, helps connect dialogue between characters, provides descriptions of characters' thoughts and actions that occur because of dialogue and inner monologue; moves the plot forward
noble	Selfless, showing excellent character; worthy of respect; of the highest social class
notorious	Widely known
nymph	A mythological spirit in the shape of a young woman who lives in mountains, forests, meadows, and water
oath	A formal and serious promise to tell the truth or to do something
obscured	Made difficult to understand or know
odyssey	An extended journey or quest
onslaught	A violent attack
ordeal	An experience that is very unpleasant or difficult
organic shape	A shape that seems to come from nature, with uneven edges and sides
pacing	Controls the speed at which a scene's sequence of events unfolds; can involve a combination of dialogue, inner monologue, and narration
palanquin	A covered litter for one passenger, consisting of a large box carried on two horizontal poles by four or six bearers
pattern	A regular, repeated design; a principle of art
perilous	Full of danger
persist	To continue without stopping

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
pervasive	Existing in every part of something; spreading to all parts of something
pine	To long for
pinnacle	The best or most important part of something; the point of greatest success or achievement
piqued	To cause (curiosity or interest)
plethora	A very large amount or number; an amount that is much greater than what is necessary
portal	A doorway, gate, or other entrance
pose	How a figure is standing or sitting in a work of art
precise	Very accurate and exact
preservation	The act of keeping something safe from loss or damage
profound	Very great
prophet	A person who delivers messages that are believed to have come from God or the Gods: a person who states that something will happen in the future
pyre	A pile of wood for burning a dead body
quest	An adventure to find something
ramifications	Consequences stemming from one's actions
rampage	A violent and angry course of behavior
rancor	Hatred for another
realistic	Showing something as it might look in real life
realm	An area of activity, interest, or knowledge; a country that is ruled by a king or queen

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
reincarnate	Born again with a different body after death
relentless	Continuing without becoming weaker or less severe
revenge	The act of doing something to hurt someone because that person did something that hurt you
reverence	Honor or respect that is felt for or shown to (someone or something)
revive	To bring back to life
ruefully	Done in a sorrowful manner
sacred	Highly valued and important; deserving great respect
sage	A wise person
sanctified	To make (something) holy
scabbard	A protective case for a sword that covers the blade
scandalous	Involving immoral or shocking things that a person has done or is believed to have done
scornfully	Feeling that someone or something is not worthy of any respect or approval
seething	Feeling or showing strong emotion (such as anger) even though you try to control it
sentence variation	To emphasize certain moments; creates interest; slows or speeds up the unfolding of a scene's events, through a sentence
sequence	The order in which things follow one another
shape	An area bounded by a line
shrewd	Having or showing an ability to understand things and to make good judgments; mentally sharp or clever

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
shroud	A cloth that is used to wrap a dead body
shuttle	A pointed tool that is used to weave cloth by pulling a thread from side to side across other threads
silhouette	A dark form or shape against a lighter background
solemnly	Very serious or formal in manner, behavior, or expression
spewing	Causing something to flow out in a fast and forceful way
stagger	To stumble
stealthily	Quietly and secretly to avoid being noticed
strait	A narrow passage of water that connects two large bodies of water
structure	How a story is organized
stay	A place where pigs are kept
stymied	To block the path of someone or something
suitors	Men who want to marry a particular woman
sumptuous	Very expensive, rich, or impressive
swilled	Drank (something) quickly in large amounts
swindled	Took money or property from (someone) by using lies or tricks
symmetry	When each side of an artwork has similar but opposite shapes, butterfly wings
tempest	A strong and violent wind or storm
theme	The central topic, subject, or message of a literary work
threshold	A transition point where change happens

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
translation	Words that have been changed from one language into a different language
treacherous	Betraying trust
triumphant	Rejoicing over success, victorious
undeterred	Not discouraged or stopped by problems, criticism, etc.
vacant	Not filled, used, or lived in
valiant	Having or showing courage; very brave or courageous
vanquished	Defeated completely in a war, battle, etc.
vantage	A position from which something is viewed or considered
verge	At the point when (something) is about to happen or is very likely to happen
vile	Evil or immoral
vulnerable	In a position where one can, be hurt
vying	Competing with others to get or win something
wafted	Moving through the air, as a smell does
warily	Not having or showing complete trust in someone or something that could be dangerous or cause trouble
wavering	Going back and forth between choices or opinions
wielded	Held (something, such as a tool or weapon) in your hands so that you are ready to use it
winnowing	To remove (people or things that are less important, desirable, etc.) from a larger group or list
wits	Quickness of judgment; cleverness

Module 2: A Hero's Journey – continued –

Word	Definition
wizened	Dry and wrinkled, usually because of old age
wrecked	Ruined
wretched	Very unhappy
wrought	Carefully formed or worked into shape
yearning	A strong desire or wish for something or to do something
zenith	The strongest or most successful period

Module 3: Narrating the Unknown

Word	Definition
acrylic	A material that is made from a chemical process and that is used for making many different products, such as clothing and paints
adapt	To change
aggravated	Made worse
ambush	Attack unexpectedly
ample	Having or providing enough or more than enough of what is needed
ancestry	Family background
apocryphal	Known but probably not true
appraisals	Judging the value, condition, or importance of something the act of appraising something
apprentice	A person who works for someone else to gain skills or learn about their business

Module 3: Narrating the Unknown – continued –

Word	Definition
arsenic	A poisonous chemical that is used specially to kill insects and weeds
balmy	Warm, calm, and pleasant weather
barracks	A building or group of buildings in which soldiers live
bias	Prejudice; unfair opinion
breechcloth	A long rectangular piece of tanned deerskin, cloth, or animal fur. It is worn between the legs and tucked over a belt, so that the flaps fall in front and behind
cannibals	People who eat the flesh of human beings or animals that eat its own kind
capsize	To turn over; to turn so that the bottom is on top
catalogued	Listed or described in an organized way
chroniclers	People who provide descriptions of events in the order that they happened
claim	A statement that requires proof to be true
clamoring	An ongoing noise at a high volume
cohabitated	Lived or existed together in company
coifs	To cut and arrange someone's hair
commodity	Things that are bought and sold
communal	Shared or used by members of a group or community
compatriots	A person from the same country as someone else
concedes	Say that you accept or do not deny the truth or existence of (something); admit (something) usually in an unwilling way
conclusive	Showing that something is certainly true

Module 3: Narrating the Unknown – continued –

Word	Definition
controversy	Argument that involves many people who strongly disagree about something; strong disagreement about something among a large group of people
convert	To cause to accept different beliefs or ideas
cowers	Move back or bend your body down because you are afraid
credibility	The level to which something is believable
curator	A person who oversees the things in a museum, zoo, etc.
crucible	A pot in which metals or other substances are heated to a very high temperature or melted; a place or situation that forces people to change or make difficult decisions
cultivate	To prepare and use (soil) for growing plants
daub	Plaster, clay, or another substance used for coating a surface, especially when mixed with straw and applied to laths or wattles to form a wall
dawdling	Moving or acting slowly
debris	The pieces that are left after something has been destroyed
decree	An official order given by someone in power or a government
delirium	A mental state in which you are confused and not able to think or speak clearly, usually because of fever or some other illness
depose	To remove from rank or position
deteriorated	Become worse as time passes
detritus	The pieces that are left when something breaks, falls apart, is destroyed, etc.
devout	Religious, pious, spiritual
distilling	Taking the most important parts of something and putting them in a different and usually improved form

Module 3: *Narrating the Unknown* – continued –

Word	Definition
dwindling	Shrinking down to nothing
ebullient	Lively and enthusiastic
encased	Completely covered
epigraph	A relevant quote located at the beginning of a text or chapter
exalted	To raise (someone or something) to a higher level; to praise (someone or something) highly
excavated	To have dug up and removed dirt from
expedition	A purposeful journey
exterminating	Destroying or killing completely
factor	Something that causes or influences an event
fiasco	A complete failure or disaster
flogging	Beating or whipping
foe	Rival, enemy
forage	To search for something (such as food or supplies)
fuming	Displaying frustration or anger
fundamental	Forming or relating to the most important part of something
fuse	Join or combine
gallows	A structure on which a criminal who has been sentenced to death is killed by being hanged
glean	To gather or collect gradually

Module 3: *Narrating the Unknown* – continued –

Word	Definition
guerilla	A member of a usually small group of soldiers who do not belong to a regular army and who fight in a war as an independent unit
gullible	Easily convinced into believing anything
hoar frost	A grayish-white crystalline deposit of frozen water vapor formed in clear still weather on vegetation, fences, etc.
hoeing	Working with a garden tool that has a flat blade on a long handle
ignorant	Not aware or informed
impaled	Caused a pointed object to go through someone or something
imputation	A suggestion or accusation
incompetent	Without necessary skills
interaction	The behaviors that happen between people
intercede	To act between two parties to resolve conflict
interpreter	Person who translates ideas between parties
legitimate	Real, accepted, or official
long held	Believed for a long time
lured	Attracted; drew
lye	A strong chemical that is used especially in making soap
magistrate	A local official who has some of the powers of a judge
mantles	Loose pieces of clothing without sleeves worn over other clothes especially in the past
mariners	Sailors

Module 3: Narrating the Unknown – continued –

Word	Definition
meticulous	Carefully attentive to small details
missteps	Actions or decisions that are a mistake
moccasins	Flat shoes that are made of soft leather
molten	Melted by heat
moor	A broad area of open land that is not good for farming; to hold (a boat or ship) in place with ropes or cables or with an anchor
mortality	The quality or state of being a person or thing that is alive and therefore certain to die; the number of deaths that occur in a particular time or place
motley	Made up of many different people or things
naive	Simple; lacking suspicion; unsophisticated
native	Being in the place where one is born
obsolete	No longer used because something newer exists
palisade	A fence made of tall poles or stakes, barrier of protection
penetrated	To go through or into something
perseverance	Continued, unstopping behavior despite challenges
pews	One of the benches that are placed in rows in a church
plague	Many harmful or annoying things; a disease that causes death and that spreads quickly to many people
poorhouse	A place for poor people to live that is paid for by the taxes, donations, etc., of other people
potable	Safe to drink
preserved	Kept safe, protected

Module 3: Narrating the Unknown – continued –

Word	Definition
procedure	Steps used in order
prolific	Producing a large amount of something
prominent	Sticking out in a way that is easily seen or noticed; important and well-known
prophecy	A warning about events in the future
prospect	An opportunity for something to happen
protrusion	A part that sticks out
provisioned	Supplied with food and other things that are needed
provisions	A supply of food and other things that are needed
pulpit	A raised platform where a priest or minister stands when leading a worship service—often used figuratively
quadricentennial	400th anniversary
quell	To end or stop (something) usually by using force
quill	A pen that is made from a feather
recruits	Soldiers recently enlisted into the armed forces, a new member of a group or organization
refrain	To stop yourself from doing something that you want to do
regiment	A military unit that is usually made of several large groups of soldiers
relations	The ways people communicate or act toward each other
reliability	The level to which something is dependable
retch	To vomit or feel as if you are about to vomit
retract	To draw back in; pull back; reverse

Module 3: *Narrating the Unknown* – continued –

Word	Definition
revered	Have great respect for (someone or something); show devotion and honor to (someone or something)
revisionist	A person who tries to change accepted ideas and beliefs
ruckus	A noisy argument, fight
rushes	Marsh or waterside plant resembling a sedge or grass
savages	People who are uncivilized or wild
sacrificed	Gave up something great out of loyalty or affection
satchel	A small bag that is carried over your shoulder and that is used for carrying clothes, books, etc.
seedbed	An area of soil prepared for planting seeds—sometimes used figuratively
seething	Filled with anger and fury
self-inflicted	Caused by your own actions
servitude	Condition of being a slave or of having to obey another person
shards	A sharp piece of something (such as glass or pottery)
shiftless	Lacking ambition and energy
shirk	Avoid doing something that you are supposed to do
sifting	Going through (something) very carefully in order to find something useful or valuable
snickering	Short, quiet laughing in a way that shows disrespect
splayed	To move things out and apart from each other
subsequently	Happening or coming after something else

Module 3: Narrating the Unknown – continued –

Word	Definition
succession	A series of people or things that come one after the other
succumbed	To die; to stop resisting
tallow	Fat from cattle and sheep that is used chiefly to make candles and soap
tantalizing	Causing interest or excitement about something that is very attractive or appealing
telltale	Indicating that something exists or has occurred
threshing	Separating the seeds of corn, wheat, etc., from the plant
tilling	Preparing (soil, a piece of land, etc.) for growing crops
tone	The attitude that is conveyed through someone's choice of words and inflection the general mood
trait	A quality that makes someone different from others
trowel	A small tool with a curved blade that is used by gardeners for digging holes A small tool with a flat blade that is used for spreading and smoothing mortar or plaster
urchin	A misbehaving, poor child
valid	True, accurate
vessel	A hollow container for holding liquids; a ship or large boat
vigil	An event or a period when a person or group stays in a place and quietly waits, prays, etc., especially at night
wattle	Structure that is made of upright poles and sticks, twigs, etc., that are woven with them and that is used for building fences, walls, etc.
wielding	The demonstration of competent, confident use or manipulation of weapons or tools
writhing	Twisting your body from side to side

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Word	Definition
albatross	A bird of legend that seamen fear and respect
ambivalence	Having conflictual feelings about someone or something
anxious	Full of anxiety, worried
apprentice	A person who works for someone else to gain skills or learn about their business
astronomical	Pertaining to astronomy and the study and observation of celestial bodies
background	The part of a picture, scene, or view that is in the back or furthest from the viewer
ballast	Something heavy carried by a boat to aid in stability
blasphemy	Disrespect toward something sacred
bridge	An elevated space above the rail on a ship
campaign	A formal, organized, and strategic effort to make change happen
chaotic	Completely confusing, disorganized
cheeky	Bold or disrespectful
chromometer	An instrument that measures time
circumference	The distance around the outside of a circle
circumnavigate	The act of traveling all the way around something
circumscribe	To draw a line around something
circumvent	To avoid something by going around it
competency	Properly and sufficiently qualified

Module 4: *Courage in Crisis* – continued –

Word	Definition
composition	How an artist organizes shapes, colors, or values and other components in a work of art
consoled	Made to feel better
crevasse	An opening or fissure in a glacier
demoralized	Weakened or destroyed in spirit
dictator	A ruler who doesn't share any of his or her power
dire	Dreadful, desperate
discontent	Lack of satisfaction
evacuation	A removal or retreat
exile	Being sent away and not being allowed to return
fascinated	Interested in the details of something
fo'c'sle hands	Common sailors without rank
foreground	The part of a picture, scene, or view that is in the front or closest to the viewer
formidable	Exceptionally difficult and frightening
foundering	To fill with water and sink
frostbite	Injured tissue caused by extreme cold, which can result in gangrene
futile	Useless, ineffective
galley	A ship's kitchen
gangrene	The dying of tissue caused by a lack of circulation
gnawing	Chewing or biting over and over

Module 4: *Courage in Crisis* – continued –

Word	Definition
growler	Large chunks of ice
haven	A safe place
helm	The wheel by which a boat is operated
heroism	Great courage
hostile	Cruel and uncaring
hubris	Excessive pride or arrogance
hull	The frame of a ship
hummock	A hill or ridge in an ice field
iceberg	Large chunks of ice detached from glaciers that float in the sea
ice floe	A large expanse of floating ice
imperial	Royal
incessant	Ongoing, never-ending
inevitable	Something that will happen and cannot be avoided
ingenuity	Cleverness
inspire	To make someone want to do something that is considered positive or good
intangible	Something that is invisible or not concrete; it is not material but can still be sensed
keel	Some type of enforcement situated in the middle, bottom part of a boat that extends lengthwise from stem to stern and aids in stability
latitude	The distance between the equator and an area north or south on the earth's surface, usually measured in degrees

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Word	Definition
layout	How images and text are arranged on a page
leads	Open pathways not blocked by ice that boats can use
longitude	The distance on the earth's surface east or west of the prime meridian at Greenwich, England, usually measured in degrees
mast	The main support that rises from the keel (or the middle, bottom of the boat) and gives stability to a ship
meteorological	Pertaining to meteorology and the study of the atmosphere and weather
mirage	Optical illusion
mood	The emotion or feeling that is evoked in the reader or viewer
morale	The level of enthusiasm or confidence in a person or group to conquer a challenge
mutiny	Rebellion against those in charge
noble	Selfless, showing excellent character
oblivious	Not conscious or aware of someone or something
obsessed	Unable to think about anything else
obstinate	Stubborn
ordeal	A painful, difficult experience, trial
perilous	Full of peril, very dangerous
perplexed	Unable to understand clearly, confused
pious	Religious, devout, spiritual
point of view	The perspective someone has about something

Module 4: *Courage in Crisis* – continued –

Word	Definition
portrait	Painting or a photograph of a person
pose	How the subject of a portrait is sitting or standing, or what he or she is doing
predicament	A difficult or unpleasant situation
providence	Some type of divine care or intervention; fate
random	Done without reason or pattern
rations	A certain amount of something, such as food
reckons	To settle accounts or to deal with
reconciliation	The process of overcoming differences and restoring a relationship
reprimand	To criticize
revered	Worshiped or honored
rigging	The ropes of a ship that are used to control the sails and manage the masts
riptide	A tide which runs in the opposite direction of another tide and causes disturbance
salvage	Save something that is in danger of being destroyed
savored	Enjoyed
scale	The size of an object in relation to another object
scurvy	A disease that attacks the body due to a lack of vitamin C
servitude	Slavery
sextant	An astronomical instrument used to measure latitude and longitude and help determine one's position on earth
sledging	The act of riding in a sled

Module 4: *Courage in Crisis* – continued –

Word	Definition
squall	A violent gust of wind, indicative of a tumultuous storm
speculate	To form ideas or theories about something
stern	The back part of a ship or boat
steward	Someone who oversees managing the stores or goods of a ship
stranded	To leave helpless
stoically	Hiding emotion in response to something bad
tacking	To change the course of a ship and face it into the wind using a zigzag technique
tether	A rope or chain to secure or fasten objects together
texture	How the surface of an object looks like it would feel to the touch
unperturbed	Not feeling bothered
value	How light or dark a color looks
verify	To prove something is correct or true
vortex	A mass of spinning air, liquid, etc., that pulls things into its center—sometimes used figuratively