

WEEK 1

Words for technical aspects of a novel.

1. Theme

A main idea that runs through a text.

2. Tension

Creating an emotional strain for the reader.

3. Narrator

The voice/person saying the words in the text

5. Dialogue

Speech between characters in a text.

6. Connotations

The ideas or feelings a word produces.

7. Foreshadowing

When the text gives hints or warnings about what will come later.

8. Pathos

A feeling of pity or sadness

9. Juxtaposition

two ideas showing difference

10. Cumulative effect

An effect which builds up/increases in a text.

11. Denouement

When a complicated plot is finally resolved.

12. Exposition

The part of the plot which introduces characters, theme and setting for what is to follow.

13. Omniscient

A narrator who is all knowing.

14. Characterisation

The methods used to present a character.

15. Chronology

The order events happen

WEEK 2

Words to describe some of the novel's key themes and ideas

1. Haven

A place, a shelter

2. Authority

The person/system in charge

3. Friendship

The state of being friends

4. Violence

Behaviour which involves physical force causing harm

5. Dreams

Hopes, ideas and ideals that characters might aspire to

6. Destitute

Without any means of support, lacking food, clothes, money

7. Transient

Not staying long, temporary

8. Loneliness

A feeling of being alone

9. Isolation

The process or fact of being isolated

10. Prejudice

Preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience

11. Inequity

Unfairness, bias, favouritism

12. Itinerant

Travelling around, constantly journeying

13. Arcadia

A perfect place of peace and rural tranquillity

14. Inequality

A lack of equality

15. Discrimination

The unjust treatment of different groups of people

WEEK 3

Words to describe the characters.

1. Insecure

Uncertain or anxious about oneself

2. Inclusive

Not excluding any section of society

3. Frustrated

Feeling distress and annoyance

4. Misguided

Having or showing faulty judgement or reasoning

5. Devoted

Very loving or loyal

6. Courageous

Brave; not deterred by danger or pain

7. Considerate

Careful not to inconvenience or harm anyone

8. Segregated

Separated or divided along racial, sexual or religious lines

9. Naïve

Showing a lack of experience, wisdom or judgement

10. Apprehensive

Anxious or fearful that something bad will happen

11. Pugnacious

Eager or quick to argue

12. Merciless

Showing no mercy

13. Impuissant

Unable to take effective action, powerless

14. Diffident

Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence

15. Charismatic

Showing a compelling charm which inspires others

WEEK 4

Words to describe the conditions and behaviour on the ranch

1. Taxing

Physically or mentally demanding

2. Brutal

Unpleasant or harsh

3. Callous

Showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others

4. Ruthless

Without pity or compassion

5. Exhausting

Very tiring

6. Deprived

Suffering a lack of basic materials

7. Hazardous

Risky; dangerous

8. Arduous

Involving or requiring strenuous effort

9. Intolerant

Not tolerant of views, beliefs or behaviour that differ from one's own.

10. Unsanitary

Not sanitary

11. Laborious

Requiring considerable time and effort

12. Uncharitable

Unkind, unsympathetic

13. Insalubrious

Seedy and run down; unwholesome

14. Impoverished

Extreme poverty

15. Indigent

Poor; needy

WEEK 5

Words to describe the wider setting.

1. Idyllic

Peaceful and picturesque

2. Tranquil

Free from disturbance; calm

3. Retreat

A quiet or secluded place

4. Serene

Calm, peaceful and untroubled

5. Soothing

Having a gently, calming effect

6. Edenic

Characteristic of the Garden of Eden

7. Mythical

Characteristic of myths

8. Bucolic

Relating to the pleasant aspects of the countryside

9. Sanctuary

Refuge or safety from pursuit

10. Agricultural

Relating to farming

11. Anomalous

Deviating from what is expected

12. Picturesque

Visually attractive

13. Ominous

Giving the impression that something bad will happen

14. Unpropitious

Not giving or indicating a good chance of success

15. Minacious

Menacing, threatening

WEEK 6

Words to describe the thoughts and feelings of characters

1. Sympathy

Feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune

2. Ambitious

Having or showing a strong desire to succeed

3. Discontent

Dissatisfaction with one's circumstances

4. Disappointment

To feel disappointed

5. Frustration

Felling upset or annoyed at the inability to change something

6. Dissatisfaction

Not content or happy with something

7. Delusion

Relating to being deluded

8. Resentment

Anger at being treated unfairly

9. Embarrassment

A feeling of self-consciousness or shame

10. Fortitude

Courage in pain or adversity

11. Indignation

Anger or annoyance provoked by unfair treatment

12. Self-effacing

Not claiming attention for oneself

13. Tenacity

The quality of being very determined

14. Intransigence

Refusal to change one's view.

15. Vulnerability

Likely to be harmed