

## Activity 3: Key Vocabulary

### *Hamlet*

#### **Key Terms**

Directions: Define the following words

1. fortune	
2. opposition	
3. mortality	
4. dread	
5. resolution	
6. antithesis	
7. pessimism	
8. optimism	

#### **Polar Opposites**

Directions: Brainstorm antonyms for the following words.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Antonym</b>
1. oppression	
2. action	
3. endurance	
4. mystery	
5. life	

#### **Word Families**

Directions: List as many words as possible that are related to the following five concepts from Hamlet’s soliloquy: action, thought, suffering, mortality, and fear. Look for more as you read and add them.

resolution	decision, outcome, and result, end (line 5), consummation (line 8), will (line 25)
action	
thought	
suffering	
mortality	
fear	

## *It's Not About the Bike*

### Key Vocabulary

Directions: Complete the chart BEFORE reading the excerpt.

<b>Word</b>	<b>“Best guess” synonym</b>	<b>Context</b>	<b>Restate/refine meaning in your own words</b>
expire	end	<i>I want to cross one last finish line...and then I want to lie down in a field of those famous French sunflowers and gracefully expire...</i>	<i>To stop living/breathing; there's no violence/tragedy to this kind of death.</i>
poignant			
demise			
cadence			
marbled			

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acrid			
puckered			
catheter			
constitution			
articulate			

## *What Is a Life Worth?*

### **Key Terms**

Directions: Review all terms and words before reading. Check off each word as you come across it in the reading.

### **Financial and Legal Terms**

	compensate	make up for a loss
	litigation	leal action; suing
	commodify	turn something into an object of monetary value
	valuation	determination of monetary value
	discretion	judgment
	liability	debt or disadvantage
	beneficiary	recipient of a benefit; usually \$\$\$
	tort	a civil lawsuit to remedy a wrongful act
	allocation	distribution, especially of \$
	disparity	unfairness; unevenness

### **Emotion-laden Words**

	squeamish	easily offended
	garish	offensively bright and showy
	gall	impudence; insolence
	traumatize	to inflict stress or pain upon someone
	callous	uncaring; cold
	inconsolable	cannot be comforted
	indignant	full of anger over an injustice
	balk	resist; refuse to proceed
	deteriorate	degenerate; gradually fall apart

### **Descriptive Terms**

	rhetorical	related to the effective use of language
	Rorschach test	an inkblot test that reveals a person's particular viewpoint
	artillery	heavy ammunition used against an enemy
	analogy	a comparison that shows common elements between seemingly different items
	solidarity	unity based on common interest
	orchestrated	carefully arranged to achieve a particular effect
	concoct	to put together from various materials
	mechanism	technique for achieving a specific result