

Activity 3: Key Vocabulary--KEY

Hamlet

Key Terms

Directions: Define the following words

1. fortune (from Greek mythology)	<i>fate; destiny; the things that happen to a person in life</i>
2. opposition	<i>the act of resisting, protesting, fighting against</i>
3. mortality	<i>the state of being subject to death or of life ending</i>
4. dread	<i>terror or great fear</i>
5. resolution	<i>a determination upon a course of action; firmly decided upon a purpose</i>
6. antithesis	<i>direct opposite; stark contrast</i>
7. pessimism	<i>seeing, anticipating, or emphasizing only bad outcomes or unhappiness (eyore)</i>
8. optimism	<i>seeing, anticipating, or emphasizing the more favorable side; the belief that good usually prevails</i>

Polar Opposites

Directions: Brainstorm antonyms for the following words.

Term	Antonym
1. oppression	<i>freedom</i>
2. action	<i>inaction; passivity</i>
3. endurance	<i>weakness; failure; giving up</i>
4. mystery	<i>knowledge; certainty</i>
5. life	<i>death; nonexistence</i>

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. Start with words you know and look for more as you read and add them.

resolution <i>(example)</i>	decision, outcome, result, end (line 5), consummation (line 8), will (line 25)
action	decision, act, deed, take arms against (line 4), end the heartache (lines 6-7), he himself might his quietus make with a bare bodkin (lines 20-21)
thought	fantasy, idea, reflection, question (line 1), dream (line 10), puzzles (line 25)
suffering	pain, injury, torment, suffer the lings and arrows of outrageous fortune (lines 2-3), heartache (line 7), the whips and scorns of time (line 15), to grunt and sweat under a weary life (line 22)
mortality	death, end of life, not to be (line 1), to sleep (line 5), shuffled off this mortal coil (line 12), the undiscovered country
fear	

It's Not About the Bike

Key Vocabulary

Directions: Complete the chart BEFORE reading the excerpt.

Word	"Best guess" synonym	Context	Restate/refine meaning in your own words
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	accept all reasonable guesses	<i>...and then I want to lie down in a field of those famous French sunflowers and gracefully expire, the perfect contradiction to my once-anticipated poignant early demise.</i>	heartbreaking, distressing, emotionally moving
demise		<i>...and then I want to lie down in a field of those famous French sunflowers and gracefully expire, the perfect contradiction to my once-anticipated poignant early demise.P</i>	death, destruction

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cadence		I don't do anything slow, not even breathe. I do everything at a fast cadence.	a pace or rhythm, as in a fast cadence or slow cadence.
marbled		I've got marbled scars on both arms and discolored marks up and down my legs...	swirled and multi-colored, like a marble
acid		A blast of hot air hits you, you taste the acrid oily exhaust in the roof of your mouth.	bitter/nasty
puckered		There's a puckered wound in my upper chest just above my heart, which is where the catheter was implanted.	wrinkled, folded, scarred
catheter		There's a puckered wound in my upper chest just above my heart, which is where the catheter was implanted.	a flexible tube for inserting or drawing fluids for medical reasons

constitution		I don't know why I'm still alive. I can only guess. I have a tough constitution, and my profession taught me how to compete against long odds and big obstacles.	make-up, body, mind-set
articulate		People die. That truth is so disheartening that at times I can't bear to articulate it.	To say or utter clearly

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	legal 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

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✓	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