

Contextual Redefinition

Reading Assignment: *The Scarlet Letter* Chapter 5

Directions: Begin by writing a definition for each of the words on this page. Even if you don't know the word, make a guess about its meaning. Then read the sentence, given by your teacher, that puts the word in context. After seeing the word in context, write either a revised definition or the phrase "no changes" if your first definition is still the most accurate meaning of the word. Finally, explain why you did or did not change your definition.

1. Word: infamy p. 52

First definition:

Revised definition:

What context clues made you change your definition or keep it the same?

2. Word: ignominy p. 52

First definition:

Revised definition:

What context clues made you change your definition or keep it the same?

3. Word: vivify p. 52

First definition:

Revised definition:

What context clues made you change your definition or keep it the same?

4. Word: inscrutable p. 53

First definition:

Revised definition:

What context clues made you change your definition or keep it the same?

5. Word: uncongenial p. 53

First definition:

Revised definition:

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6. Word: ingenuity p. 54

First definition:

Revised definition:

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7. Word: progenitors p. 54

First definition:

Revised definition:

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8. Word: ascetic p. 55

First definition:

Revised definition:

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9. Word: superfluous p. 55

First definition:

Revised definition:

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10. Word: penitence p. 56

First definition:

Revised definition:

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11. Word: succor p. 56

First definition:

Revised definition:

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12. Word: exhortation p. 56

First definition:

Revised definition:

What context clues made you change your definition or keep it the same?

13. Word: imbibed p. 57

First definition:

Revised definition:

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14. Word: ignominious p. 57

First definition:

Revised definition:

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15. Word: insidious p. 57

First definition:

Revised definition:

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16. Word: venerable p. 58

First definition:

Revised definition:

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17. Word: contumaciously p. 58

First definition:

Revised definition:

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18. Word: talisman p. 58

First definition:

Revised definition:

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19. Word: averred p. 58

First definition:

Revised definition:

What context clues made you change your definition or keep it the same?

20. Word: incredulity p. 58

First definition:

Revised definition:

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