

Vocabulary Exercise:

1- Work in groups of three or four to create a restaurant menu using 15 vocabulary words from your list (you have it somewhere, or it's on the back of this sheet).

Each meal description must give the reader a "clue" to the word's definition.

2- Divide the tasks/words up in a fair fashion— suggested task division on the following pages—HOWEVER **you must each learn all the words on your menu well.**

3- Make sure your menu items *explain* the words thoroughly—you can use them in the titles or the descriptions—as long as you define them well and use them properly (grammar matters!).

Vocabulary Menu Assignment Groups of 3 or 4 (no pairs or groups of five allowed).

Task: Take 15 of your vocabulary words from Huck Finn (see examples) and use them to create a “Finn-ish” Menu!

Example of how you turn a word into a delish’ dish:

- 1- **Choose the Vocabulary Word from your Huck Finn list (this example is from**

another book)

disdainful (adjective): describes a person who: feels superior/ looks down on others.

- 2- Use it in your menu in such a way that everyone get the meaning without using a traditional definition.

Example of a Menu Item that defines the word *disdainful*:

Disdainful Veggies –

Filled with vitamin “C” for “Contemptuous”

Try the daily offerings for a snooty bunch of snarky nutrition!

Today:

Cooked Carrots drenched in butter and a sense of superiority.

Warning: This assignment is big fun—have a good time with it!

Menu Tasks and Grading Rubric*

Each group must complete their menu within the 60 minute timeframe: 30 minutes today/30 tomorrow. Group member jobs could be divided as such:

1 Comment Recorder: Records suggestions/comments made by each individual, and writes the final copy.

1 Task Leader: Keeps the group talking about the menu and vocabulary words; researches definitions.

1 or 2 Presenters: Research definitions and presents the group's menu in front of the class with class and a plan—no “here is our stuff” type nonsense—present well.

***If you are not actively participating in the group's discussion and research, you will be asked to complete the assignment alone.**

_____ (10 points) Each of the ten words is used in a menu item.

_____ (10 points) Each menu item provides excellent clues to the meanings of one or more of the vocabulary words: a clear definition emerges from the menu item's title and description.

_____ (10 points) Menu format followed with a restaurant name, etc.

BONUS

_____ (Up to 10 points) Creativity above and beyond: theme of restaurant or . . .?

Up to ten extra points and an “A” Grade for menus that include some special dishes or creative use of words that show an understanding of characters/plot/setting or themes in *Huckleberry Finn*.

36-40pts. = “A”(5) 31-35pts. = A- (4.5) 23-29pts.= B (4) Less than 23pts. = “C” (3.5) Inc. =”F” 2.5)

Here is a great example from when a class did this assignment for *The Scarlet Letter*.

(REMEMBER: Your Menu Must Reflect Huck Finn)

Welcome to:

The Pampered Puritan

Colonial Boston’s Only Luxury Resort and Gourmet

Eatery

After Public Hangings or Shamings, Come in and Enjoy Our Dessert MENU (You Only Swing Once!)

Sinful Delights:

Ignominious Fudge Cake

A cake so rich in ingredients and flavor that it's not plain: it's *plain shameful!* Leave your peaked hats and starched collars at the homestead when you order this one—you'll be too embarrassed to belong to such a strict sect by the time this "*tempting tastee*" is through with you! You'll have to hang your head to hide that smile of satisfaction from the neighbors one more time, Mistress Prynne—for shame!

ANOTHER Puritan EXAMPLE: This time from *The Crucible*:

Liar Abby's

Our food's so good—you can't believe it!
(No—you really shoudn't believe it—she's a LIAR!)

Menu

Putnam's Prodigious Potato Puffs

These balls of spuds are so big and impressive that we have to serve them on a heavy-duty platter.*

*Any customer able to finish an entire order in one sitting will have receive our custom bumper sticker:

"Another Big Fat

potato puff eating **Fool**

Loves **Liar Abby's!**"