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| **New Word** | **Context Clues** | | **Best Guess** | **Teacher’s Input** |
| 1. Abiding | “My dear and **abiding** friends…” | |  | **lasting a long time; enduring** |
| 1. Desolate | “We have walked through the **desolate** valleys and across the **trying** hills.” | |  | **of a place) deserted of people and in a state of bleak and dismal emptiness**  **difficult or annoying; hard to endure.** |
| 1. Trying |
| 1. Meandering | “We have walked on **meandering** highways and rested our bodies on rocky byways.” | |  | **following a winding course.** |
| 1. Boycott | “…a seventy-year-old Negro woman who lived in this community during the bus **boycott**—and one day, she was asked while walking if she didn’t want to ride.” | |  | **withdraw from commercial or social relations with (a country, organization, or person) as a punishment or protest.** |
| 1. Conscience | “But not until the colossus of segregation was challenged in Birmingham did the **conscience** of America begin to bleed.” | |  | **an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior.** |
| 1. Eradicate | “And from the wells of this democratic spirit, the nation finally forced Congress to write legislation in the hope that it would **eradicate** the stain of Birmingham. | |  | **destroy completely; put an end to.** |
| 1. Unsheathed | “Once more the method of nonviolent resistance was **unsheathed** from its **scabbard**, and once again an entire community was mobilized to confront the **adversary**. | |  | 1. **draw or pull out (a knife, sword, or similar weapon) from its sheath or covering.** 2. **a sheath for the blade of a sword or dagger, typically made of leather or metal.**   **a sheath for a gun or other weapon or tool.**  **one's opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute.** |
| 1. Scabbard |
| 1. Adversary |
| 1. Suffrage | “Our whole campaign in Alabama has been centered around **the right to vote**.” | |  | **the right to vote in political elections.** |
| 1. Stratagem | “…the segregation of the races was really a political **stratagem** employed by the emerging Bourbon interest in the South to keep southern masses divided…” | |  | **a plan or scheme, especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end.** |
| 1. Fleeced | “The leaders of this movement began awakening the poor white masses and the former Negro slaves to the fact that they were being **fleeced** by the emerging Bourbon interest.” | |  | **obtain a great deal of money from (someone), typically by overcharging or swindling them.** |
| 1. Aristocracy | “To meet this threat, the southern **aristocracy** began immediately to engineer this development of a segregated society.” | |  | **the highest class in certain societies, especially those holding hereditary titles or offices.** |
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| 1. Outpost | And when his undernourished children cried out for the necessities that his low wages could not provide, he showed them the Jim Crow signs on the buses and in the stores, on the streets and in the public buildings. And his children, too, learned to feed upon Jim Crow, their last **outpost** of psychological **oblivion**.” |  | | **a small military camp or position at some distance from the main force, used especially as a guard against surprise attack.**  **the state of being unaware or unconscious of what is happening.** |
| 1. Oblivion |
| 1. Travesty | “We’ve come a long way since that **travesty** of justice was **perpetrated** upon the American mind. “ |  | | **a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.**  **make (something, typically an undesirable situation or an unfounded belief) continue indefinitely.** |
| 1. Perpetrated |
| 1. Vestige | “Let us march on segregated schools until every **vestige** of segregated and inferior education becomes a thing of the past.” |  | | **a trace of something that is disappearing or no longer exists.** |
| 1. Salient | “Let us march on ballot boxes until the **salient** misdeeds of bloodthirsty mobs will be transformed into the calculated good deeds of ordinary citizens.” |  | | **most noticeable or important.** |
| 1. Bequeathed | “These words I have given you just as they were given us by the unknown, long-dead, dark-skinned originator. Some now long black bard **bequeathed** to **posterity** these words in ungrammatical form, yet with **emphatic** **pertinence** for all of us today.” |  | | **leave (a personal estate or one's body) to a person or other beneficiary by a will**  **all future generations of people.**  **showing or giving emphasis; expressing something forcibly and clearly.**  **relating directly and significantly to the matter at hand; relevant:** |
| 1. Posterity |
| 1. Emphatic |
| 1. Pertinence |
| 1. Perishing | “It is normalcy all over our country which leaves the Negro **perishing** on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of vast ocean of material **prosperity**.” |  | | **suffer death, typically in a violent, sudden, or untimely way.**  **The state of being successful in material terms; flourishing financially.** |
| 1. Prosperity |