

Vocabulary - *Romeo and Juliet* - Acts IV & Act V

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. To stop the inundation of her tears./Which, too much minded by herself alone/
May be put from her by society.
2. I hear thou must, and nothing may prorogue it./On Thursday next be married to this County.
3. Shall play the umpire arbitrating that/Which the commission of thy years and art
Could to no issue of true honor bring.
4. For I have need of many orisons/To move the Heavens to smile upon my state./
Which, well thou know'st, is cross and full of sin.
5. No, madam, we have culled such necessaries/As are behooveful for our state tomorrow.
6. But one thing to rejoice and solace in./And cruel death hath caught it from my sight!
7. Our solemn hymns to sullen dirges change./Our bridal flowers serve for a buried corpse./
And all things change them to the contrary.
8. My dreams presage some joyful news at hand.
9. Noting this penury to myself I said/"An if a man did need a poison now,
10. And here I stand, both to impeach and purge/Myself condemned and myself excused.

Part II: Determining the Meaning: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 35. inundation | A. to gather; collect |
| ___ 36. prorogue | B. destitution |
| ___ 37. arbitrating | C. to challenge the validity of; try to discredit |
| ___ 38. orisons | D. an omen |
| ___ 39. culled | E. a prayer |
| ___ 40. solace | F. to submit to settlement or judgment by arbitration |
| ___ 41. dirges | G. to discontinue a session |
| ___ 42. presage | H. to cover with water |
| ___ 43. penury | I. a funeral hymn or lament |
| ___ 44. impeach | J. comfort in sorrow |