

Vocabulary (in order of appearance)

Teacher ANSWER KEY

"Around The Japonicas, The White And Red And Coral Petals ..."
(Chapter 3)

japonicas:

Another word for camellias, a type of bright-colored flowers with waxy petals.

"Her Thin Arms Rose And Sank With A Languid And Bemused And Fastidious Punctuality ..." (Chapter 3)

languid:

Slow, smooth, and listless.

fastidious:

Extremely particular, careful, and fussy.

"...And Came Back With A Ballista, About Twenty Inches Long, And Shoved His Dessert To One Side And Set It There On The Table." (Chapter 3)

ballista:

A military weapon similar to a crossbow.

"Mr. Patton's Granite Visage Seemed To Lean Toward Me Like A Monument About To Fall ..." (Chapter 3)

visage:

Face.

"There's Nothing In The Constitution Says That Byram B. White Can Commit A Felony With Impunity."

impunity:

Immunity from punishment.

"Sometimes It Was Delirium For Every Seismograph On The Continent." (Chapter 3)

seismograph:

An instrument for recording and measuring earthquakes.

"At The End Of Three Years Cass Was Not A Hobbledehoy." (Chapter 4)

hobbledehoy:

A physically awkward young person.

"...When Venus Appeared And The True Goddess Was Revealed By Her Gait." (Chapter 4)

gait:

Step; way of walking.

"I Was Somehow Possessed By Incredulity, Even As To My Identity ..." (Chapter 5)

incredulity:

Stunned, slightly excited disbelief.

"... My Own Heart Was Wrenched, But Not, I Confess, With Compunction." (Chapter 4)

compunction:

Hesitation or uncertainty in one's conscience.

"This Jack Burden ... Lived In A Slatternly Apartment With Two Other Graduate Students ..." (Chapter 4)

slatternly:

Messy and dirty; unkempt.

"Did He Cut The Throat Of A Traveler In The Canebrake?" (Chapter 4)

canebrake:

A thicket of sugarcane.

"The Passion Which Had Seized Me To The Very Extent Of Paroxysm That Afternoon ..." (Chapter 4)

paroxysm:

A sudden and violent outburst.

"...Like A Somnambulist Or A Person Drugged." (Chapter 4)

somnambulist:

Sleepwalker.

"In Paducah, To A Man Who Was Making Up A Coffle Of Negroes For New Orleans." (Chapter 4)

coffle:

A group of prisoners chained together.

"At Lexington He Went Down To West Short Street, To The Lewis C. Robards Barracoon ..." (Chapter 4)

barracoon:

A place where people enslaved or convicted of crimes were temporarily held.