

Vocabulary Study

WORDS IN CONTEXT

A. Directions: As your teacher reads each item, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings of the word, and write what you think the word means on the chart. After reading “President Cleveland, Where Are You?” and “Aaron’s Gift,” confirm or adjust your definitions.

- 1. When Jerry’s father gets paid, he **allots** each child a certain amount of spending money for the week. Jerry spends his share on cards.
- 2. The cards told them facts such as which presidents were **assassinated** and which died in office of natural causes.
- 3. Carl looked with **contempt** at Aaron who was starting to cry. “We don’t want babies in the club,” he said.
- 4. Jerry faithfully did not **divulge** Armand’s secret, even when his mother asked him what was wrong with his brother.
- 5. On Monday, new cards were delivered to Lemire’s. Card trading that night was **frenzied** and chaotic.
- 6. He couldn’t believe that his set was complete. He was **incredulous**.
- 7. Aaron’s grandmother vividly remembered the **massacre** of her neighbors and friends. The sight of so much death was not one she could ever forget.
- 8. He began to **obsess** about owning the new glove. He even dreamed of it at night.
- 9. To avoid a **skirmish** among the crowds trying to buy the new cards, the store owner let in only three boys at a time.
- 10. All the boys had the exact same number of cards. There was a **stalemate**.

Vocabulary Word	Predicted Meaning	Meaning in Selection
1. allots		
2. assassinated		
3. contempt		
4. divulge		
5. frenzied		
6. incredulous		
7. massacre		
8. obsess		
9. skirmish		
10. stalemate		

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