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Chapters 1-2	Student-friendly definition
drought (p. 6)	a long period of dry weather when there is not enough water for plants and animals to live
permission (p. 7)	allowed to do
pride (p. 7)	a feeling that you are proud of something that you or someone connected with you has achieved
ambition (p. 8)	a strong desire to achieve something
heroic (p. 9)	extremely brave or determined, and admired by many people
thrilled (p. 10)	very excited, happy, and pleased
sympathizer (p. 10)	someone who supports the aims of an organization
joint resolution (p. 11)	a decision made by both parties
ratify (p. 11)	to make a written agreement official by signing it
fortune (p. 15)	a very large amount of money
preserve (p. 17)	to save something or someone from being harmed or destroyed
patriotic (p. 17)	having or expressing a great love of your country

Chapters 3-5	Student-friendly definition
hostile (p. 20)	angry and deliberately unfriendly towards someone, and ready to argue with them
resentment (p. 20)	a feeling of anger because something has happened that you think is unfair
ancestor (p. 26)	a member of your family who lived a long time ago
taciturn (p. 30)	speaking very little, so that you seem unfriendly
accustom (p. 42)	to make yourself or another person become used to a situation or place

Chapters 6-8	Student-friendly definition
brutal (p. 54)	very cruel
befuddled (p. 56)	very confused
anticipation (p. 56)	when you are expecting something to happen
deter (p. 58)	to stop someone from doing something, by making them realize it will be difficult or have bad results
extremity (p. 65)	the degree to which something goes beyond what is usually thought to be acceptable
inevitable (p. 65)	certain to happen and impossible to avoid
abolitionist (p. 68)	someone who wants to end a system or law

Chapters 9-17	Student-friendly definition
fortification (p. 84)	the process of making something stronger or more effective
obscure (p. 89)	not well known and usually not very important
discipline (p. 91)	a way of training someone so that they learn to control their behavior and obey rules
secession (p. 99)	when a country or state officially stops being part of another country and becomes independent
captive (p. 100)	kept in prison or in a place that you are not allowed to leave
vantage point (p. 128)	a good position from which you can see something
entrenched (p. 131)	strongly established and not likely to change
superior (p. 137)	better, more powerful, or more effective than a similar person or thing, especially one that you are competing against

Chapters 18-21	Student-friendly definition
sacred (p. 138)	very important or greatly respected
bemused (p. 140)	looking as if you are confused
extricate (p. 141)	to escape from a difficult or embarrassing situation, or to help someone escape
vaguely (p. 147)	slightly
uncivilized (p. 150)	behavior that is uncivilized is rude or socially unacceptable
sardonic (p. 162)	showing that you do not have a good opinion of someone or something, and feel that you are better than them
stalemate (p. 162)	a situation in which it seems impossible to settle an argument or disagreement, and neither side can get an advantage
disentangle (p. 165)	to separate different ideas or pieces of information that have become confused together
blunder (p. 167)	a careless or stupid mistake

Chapters 22-25	Student-friendly definition
reputed (p. 170)	according to what some people say, but not definitely
envision (p. 183)	to imagine something that you think might happen in the future, especially something that you think will be good
prophecy (p. 185)	a statement that something will happen in the future, especially one made by someone with religious or magic powers
reluctant (p. 189)	slow and unwilling
delicacy (p. 189)	something good to eat that is expensive or rare
melodic (p. 190)	something that sounds melodic sounds like music or has a pleasant tune
inquisitive (p. 191)	interested in a lot of different things and wanting to find out more about them
resistance (p. 194)	a refusal to accept new ideas or changes
seldom (p. 200)	very rarely or almost never

Chapters 26-29	Student-friendly definition
resplendent (p. 209)	very beautiful, bright, and impressive in appearance
casualty (p. 214)	someone who is hurt or killed in an accident or war
irony (p. 216)	a situation that is unusual or amusing because something strange happens, or the opposite of what is expected happens or is true
dismal (p. 217)	bad and unsuccessful
ramrod (p. 219)	straight, stiff
consolidation (p. 230)	joining together
torrid (p. 231)	involving strong emotions
galvanic (p. 232)	making people react suddenly with strong feelings or actions

Chapters 30-31	Student-friendly definition
assassinate (p. 242)	to kill an important person
peevied (p. 244)	annoyed
dissipate (p. 244)	to gradually become less or weaker before disappearing completely, or to make something do this
sabotage (p. 249)	to secretly damage or destroy equipment that belong to an enemy or opponent, so that they cannot be used
desolate (p. 250)	a place that is desolate is empty and looks sad because there are no people there
bivouac (p. 250)	a temporary camp built outside without any tents
demeanor (p. 251)	the way someone behaves, dresses, or speaks that shows what their character is like
contentment (p. 253)	the state of being happy and satisfied

Chapters 32-end	Student-friendly definition
prevail (p. 256)	exists among a group of people at a certain time
recede (p. 261)	gets further and further away until it disappears
bellow (p. 264)	to shout loudly in a deep voice
inconsequential (p. 265)	not important
dignity (p. 266)	the ability to behave in a calm controlled way even in a difficult situation
elation (p. 279)	a feeling of great happiness and excitement