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CONCEPT VOCABULARY AND WORD STUDY

from the Odyssey, Part 1

Homer

WORD LIST

plundered	fugitives	avenge	dispatched	ventured	tactics
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A. DIRECTIONS: In each of the following items, think about the meaning of the italicized word or phrase, and then answer the question.

1. Would you say that your village had been *plundered* if a group of strangers helped to rebuild the damage caused by war? Explain.

2. Tom and Jerry are on the run from the law for committing a string of burglaries. Are they *fugitives*? Explain.

3. To *avenge* the abduction of his daughter, Claudio imprisoned Martius, the ringleader. Would you say that Claudio had forgiven Martius? Explain.

4. Paul *dispatched* the brief with efficiency. Did Paul ignore the brief? Explain.

5. Adam and Teela cautiously *ventured* into the unknown wilderness. True or false: Adam and Teela are heading home. Explain.

6. Sergeant Johnson used diversionary *tactics* to confuse the enemy. Is Sergeant Johnson making things up as he goes along? Explain.

B. WORD STUDY: Many English words are formed by putting together **word parts**—prefixes, suffixes, or both are added to words that already exist. For example, the word *response* means “a reaction to something.” By adding the prefix *un-* and the suffix *-ive*, we get the word *unresponsive* meaning “not having a reaction to something.” Below, break the following words into parts and use them to help you write a definition.

1. reevaluation _____

2. unwaveringly _____