

**VOCABULARY LESSON 3**

**Directions:** Complete the following exercises on your own. Use context clues from the following sentences to match the **bold** words with the proper definition. Write neatly, spell words correctly, and complete each section.

- The **allegory** we read in class was very symbolic, but I didn't understand all of the hidden meanings in the story.
- The main character in the scary movie was **dissolute**; he had no moral restraint and the bloodbath was frightening.
- As the **protagonist** of the novel, we learned all of the reasons behind each of his actions.
- Since we did not know why we had all been invited to the party, our best **conjecture** was that Molly, our host, would soon arrive to tell us.
- Her actions are absolutely **despicable**; we could not believe that she would behave that way at such a formal occasion.
- While Richard's speech was very lengthy and dragged on for hours, Mary's speech was much more pleasant and **terse**.
- The hurricane reached the island with such **ferocity** that houses were demolished and the people were without power for a month.
- In the **prologue** to the novel, the author explains his purpose for writing the tale.
- Charlie does not hand out candy to trick-or-treaters and it is believed that he is a **misanthrope**.
- The student's work was **incongruous**; he did not consistently turn in assignments to any teacher.

Word	Part of Speech	Definition
	N	Introductory lines of a play; the preface to a literary work; and introductory or preceding event
	N/V	An opinion without proof; guesswork; to speculate; to guess
	A	Brief and to the point (in writing or speaking); concise
	N	An individual who dislikes or distrusts other human beings
	N	A symbolic story in which people, settings, or actions represent ideas or moral qualities
	A	Lacking moral restraint; very wicked; immoral; undisciplined
	N	The main character in a story or play; a person who plays a leading or active part in something
	A	Contemptible; deserving of scorn; vile
	A	Not suitable or appropriate; not consistent; not forming to a pattern
	N	The quality or state of being fierce, savage, or relentless

Use each of the vocabulary words to complete the sentences below.

1. We can only \_\_\_\_\_ what William Travis said to Crockett on the eve of the battle at the Alamo. No witnesses survived.
2. The pioneers could not afford to be \_\_\_\_\_. Their survival often depended upon great self-discipline.
3. The Shawnee people viewed as \_\_\_\_\_ the actions of the white settlers who took their land. Yet they respected Boone; and, when he was captured by them, they adopted him.
4. The story of how Boone helped bring about the defeat of the people who had adopted him could be read as an \_\_\_\_\_ symbolizing the history of relations between the white settlers and the Native Americans.
5. Crockett and his comrades were massacred at the Alamo; but that battle was only the \_\_\_\_\_ to the decisive battle six weeks later at San Jacinto, which the Texans won.
6. Boone is the \_\_\_\_\_ of John Baron's *Discovery, Settlement, and Present State of Kentucke*, a work which contains the supposedly autobiographical "Adventures of Colonel Daniel Boone."
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the attack on the Alamo is indicated by the fact that every single one of those defending it was killed.
8. There is something \_\_\_\_\_ about a man like Boone keeping a tavern. His life had been action-packed, and the life of a tavern-keeper is uneventful by comparison.
9. When historians expressed doubt about the accuracy of his "autobiography," Boone's response was \_\_\_\_\_; he simply said, "Every word is true."
10. Although he loved to hunt alone, Davy Crockett was certainly no \_\_\_\_\_. His reputation and his wit made him popular among the voters, and he enjoyed entertaining them.
11. Some of the pioneers were probably \_\_\_\_\_ who preferred the loneliness of the backwoods to the company of people.
12. Davy Crockett was not a naturally \_\_\_\_\_ speaker; his speeches were full of rambling anecdotes, digressions, and jokes.
13. Settlers and Native American groups fought with great \_\_\_\_\_ in conflicts such as the battle for Boonesborough. Neither side asked for nor showed mercy.
14. The biographers of Boone and Crockett are forced to make many \_\_\_\_\_ when hard evidence about what these men actually did is lacking.
15. It was tempting for people living on the frontier to fall into \_\_\_\_\_ ways of living because many of the ethical restraints---laws and police---were absent on the frontier.
16. To many observers, Davy Crockett's presence in the House of Representatives seemed \_\_\_\_\_. His backwoods clothes and colorful speech did not conform to what people expected of a representative.
17. Crockett was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ at the Alamo. As William Travis's second-in-command, he was a principal player in the battle.
18. Boone's first attempt to colonize Kentucky in 1773 was thwarted by Native American attacks; but it was the \_\_\_\_\_ to the successful colonization of the region in the years that followed.
19. Daniel Boone had only scorn for the lawyers and politicians who declared his titles to land in Kentucky invalid. He regarded them and their underhanded practices as \_\_\_\_\_.
20. People still tell the story of how Davy Crockett used his rifle as a club after he ran out of ammunition at the Battle of the Alamo. If this tale were an \_\_\_\_\_, Crockett would represent the heroic attitude of someone willing to fight to the last for freedom.