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**“Learning to Read and Write”**

I. Define the following words used in the actual story. Read and try your best to determine each definition as used in the story as many words have multiple meanings. Determine which meaning is the best definition to select. II. Place the completed assignment in the Dropbox labeled Vocabulary Completion.

<b>Vocabulary</b>	<b>Definition (In-Context)</b> <b>Define using context clues to determine meaning from the actual text</b>
1. Stratagem	“a cleverly contrived trick or scheme for gaining an end”
2. Disposition	“prevailing tendency, mood, or inclination”
3. Divest	“to take away from a person”
4. Compliance	“the act or process of complying to a desire, demand, proposal, or regimen or to coercion”
5. Precepts	“a command or principle intended especially as a general rule of action”
6. Chattel	“slave, bondman”
7. Perplexed	“filled with uncertainty : puzzled”
8. Loathe	“to dislike greatly and often with disgust or intolerance”
9. Bestow	“to convey as a gift —usually used with <i>on</i> or <i>upon</i> ”
10. Convert	“to change from one form or function to another”
11. Pious	“marked by or showing reverence for deity and devotion to divine worship”
12. Wretched	“extremely or deplorably bad or distressing”
13. Dialogue	“a conversation between two or more persons”
14. Unabated	“not abated”
15. Sustain	“to give support or relief to”
16. Abolition	“the act of officially ending or stopping something : the act of abolishing something”
17. Tedious	“tiresome because of length or dullness”
18. Brute	“of or relating to beasts”
19. Emancipation	“to free from restraint, control, or the power of another”
20. Prudence	“caution or circumspection as to danger or risk”