

# Holt Literature 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary

## Collection 1 “Facing Danger”

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Plot
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Text Structure
- Elements of Literature Plot Madeline Travers Hovland
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Summarizing the Plot: Retelling: Kylene Beers

### **Duffy’s Jacket** (Short Story by Bruce Coville)

- No Vocabulary Words

### **Rikki tikki-tavi** (Short Story by Rudyard Kipling)

1. immensely- enormous
2. covered – crouched and trembled in fear
3. valiant - brave and determined
4. consolation – comfort
5. impotent – powerless

### **(From) People, Places, and Changes** (Geography Textbook)

- No Vocabulary Words

### **Three Skeleton Key** (Short Story by George Toudouze)

1. hordes- large; moving crowds
2. fathom- understand
3. edible - fit to be eaten
4. derisive – scornful and ridiculing

### **Eeking Out of a Life** (Newspaper Article by Matt Surman)

- No Vocabulary Words

### **The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street** (Teleplay by Rod Serling)

- No Vocabulary Words

### **Cellular Telephone Owner’s Manual** (Instructional Manual)

- No Vocabulary Words

### **Zoo** (Short Story by Edward Hoch)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **The Ruum** (Short Story by Arthur Porges)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Frankenstein** Short Story by Saki)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Those Three Wishes** (Poem by Edward Field)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Dinner Party** (Short Story by Mona Gardener)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Textbook, Newspaper Article, Instructional Manual** Short Story by Mona Gardener)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 2 “Characters: Living Many Lives”**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Character
- Informational Reading Focus: Comparison and Contrasting
- Elements of Characterization: Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Characters and Plots Kylene Beers

## **Girls** (Short Story by Gary Paulsen)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Mother and Daughter** (Short Story by Gary Soto)

1. matinees - afternoon performances of a play or movie
2. antics – playful or silly acts
3. meager – slight, small amount
4. sophisticated – worldly, elegant and refined
5. tirade – long, scolding speech

## **The Smallest Dragon Boy** (Short Story by Anne McCaffery)

1. goaded – pushed or driven
2. imminent – about to happen
3. perturbed – disturbed or troubled
4. confrontation – face to face meeting between opposing sides
5. alleviate – relieve, reduce

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## **Here Be Dragons** (Article by Flo Ota De Lange)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **A Rice Sandwich** (Short Story by Sandra Cisneros)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Antaeus** (Short Story by Borden Deal)

1. resolute – firm and purposeful
2. domain - territory
3. contemplate – look at or think about carefully
4. shrewd – clever
5. sterile – barren; lacking interest or vitality

## **In a Mix of Cultures, an Olio of Plantings** (Newspaper Article by Anne Raver)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **A Day's Wait** (Short Story by Ernest Hemingway)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Stolen Day** (Short Story by Sherwood Anderson)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Homesick**

- No Vocabulary Words

## **From the Red Girl** (Short Story by Jamaica Kincaid)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 3 “Living in the Heart”**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Theme
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Cause and Effect
- Elements of Literature: Theme By Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Finding the Theme By Kylene Beers

## **Hearts and Hands** (Short Story by O’Henry)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Highwayman** (Poem by Alfred Noyes)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **Gentlemen of the Road** (Article by Mara Rockliff)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Annabel Lee** (Poem by Edgar Allan Poe)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Fall of the House of Poe?** (Article by Mara Rockliff)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **User Friendly** (Short Story Ernesto Bethan court)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **It Just Keeps Going and Going** (Article by Joan Burditt)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Echo and Narcissus** (Myth by Roger Lancelyn Green)

1. detain – hold back; delay
2. vainly – uselessly; without result
3. unrequited – not returned in kind
4. parched – very hot and dry
5. intently – with great concentration

## **Charles** (Short Story by Shirley Jackson)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Miss Awful** (Short Story by Arthur Cavanaugh)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Only Girl in the World for Me** (Essay by Bill Cosby)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Golden Hair Girl in a Louisiana Town** (Poem by Vachel Lindsay)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Home** (Short Story by Gwendolyn Brooks)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **Gold** (Poem by Pat Mora)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Mongoose on the Loose** (Magazine Article by Larry Luxner)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 4 “Point of View: Can You See It My Way?”**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Point of View
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Author’s Argument
- Elements of Literature: Point of View John Leggett
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Author’s Perspective Kylene Beers

## **Canines to the Rescue** (Article by Jonah Goldberg)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

## **After Twenty Years** (Short Story by O’Henry)

1. habitual – done or fixed habit
2. intricate – complicated; full of detail
3. dismally – miserably
4. egotism – conceit, talking about oneself too much
5. simultaneously – at the same time

## **What’s Really in a Name** (Article by Joan Burditt)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Bargain** (Short Story by A.B. Guthrie)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Yen-Shen (Short Story by Ai-Ling Louie)**

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Mirror, Mirror What Do I See?** (by Joan Burditt)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Names/Nombres** (Essay by Julia Alvarez)

1. ethnicity- common culture or nationality
2. exotic – foreign, not native
3. heritage – traditions that are passed along
4. convoluted - complicated

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## **An Unforgettable Journey** (Autobiography by Majue Xiong)

1. refuge - shelter; protection
2. transition – change; passing from one condition to another.
3. persecution – act of willfully injuring or attacking other because of their belief or their ethnic background.
4. refugee – person who flees home or country to escape persecution
5. deprivation – loss, condition having something taken away by force.

## **Exile Eyes** ((Radio Commentary by Agate Nesaule)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Elizabeth I** (Biography by Milton Meltzer)

1. monarch - sole and absolute leader
2. alliance - pact between nations, families or individuals that shows a common cause
3. monopoly – exclusive control of a market
4. arrogant – overly convinced by one’s own importance
5. intolerable – unbearable

## **The Last Dinosaur** (Short Story by Jim Murphy)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Buffalo Dusk** (Poem by Carl Sandburg)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **I Was Sleeping While the Black Oaks Move** (Poem by Louise Erdrich)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Naming of Names** (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

## **Collection 5 “A Matter of Style”**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Prose and Poetry
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Main Idea
- Elements of Literature: Understanding Forms of Prose by Kylene Beers
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Finding the Main Idea Kylene Beers

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## **A Good Reason to Look UP** (Poem by Shaquille O'Neal)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Amigo Brothers** (Short Story by Piri Thomas)

1. bouts – matches, contests
2. pensively – thoughtfully
3. torrent – flood or rush
4. dispelled – driven away
5. frenzied – wild

## **Right Hook, Left Hook: The Boxing Controversy** (Article by Joan Burditt)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **(from) Barrio Boy** (Autobiography by Ernesto Galarza)

1. reassuring – comforting
2. contraption – strange machine or gadget
3. assured – promised confidently
4. formidable – awe-inspiring; impressive

## **Song of the Trees (Novella by Mildred D. Taylor)**

1. finicky – fussy and extremely careful
2. dispute- argument
3. ambled – walked without hurrying
4. delved – searched
5. curtly – rudely; using a few words
6. skirting – avoiding
7. elude – escape cleverly
8. incredulously – unbelieving
9. ashen – pale
10. sentries – guards

## **Fish Cheeks** (Essay by Amy Tan)

1. appalling- horrifying
2. wedges- pie shaped slices
3. clamor – loud; confused noise
4. rumpled- wrinkled and untidy
5. muster- call forth

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## **A Mason Dixon Memory** (Essay by Clifton Davis)

1. predominantly – mainly
2. forfeit – lose the right to compete
3. resolve – decide
4. ominous – threatening
5. erupted – burst forth

## **Buddies Bare Their Affection for Ill Classmate** (Newspaper Article)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **I'm Nobody** (Poem by Emily Dickinson)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **I Like to See it Lap the Miles** (Poem by Emily Dickinson)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **I Am of the Earth** (Poem by Anna Lee Waters)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Early Song** (Poem by Gogisigi/Carroll Arnett)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Madam and the Rent Man** (Poem by Langston Hughes)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Harlem Night Song** (Poem by Langston Hughes)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Winter Moon** (Poem by Langston Hughes)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **I Ask My Mother to Sing** (Poem by Li-Young Lee)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Ode to Family Photographs** (Poem by Gary Soto)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Sounds of Poetry** (Poem by John Malcom Brinnin)

- No Vocabulary Words

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**A Tutor** (Poem by Carolyn Wells)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Jabberwocky** (Poem by Lewis Carroll)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Father William** (Poem by Lewis Carroll)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Sarah Cynthia Stout Would Not Take the Garbage Out** (Poem by Shel Silverstein)

- No Vocabulary Words

**The Runaway** (Poem by Robert Frost)

- No Vocabulary Words

**The Pasture** (Poem by Robert Frost)

- No Vocabulary Words

**A Minor Bird** (Poem by Robert Frost)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Names of Horses** (Poem by Donald Hall)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Maggie and milly and molly and may** (Poem E.E. Cummings)

- No Vocabulary Words

**All in green went my love riding** (Poem by E.E. Cummings)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Arithmetic** (Poem by Carl Sandburg)

- No Vocabulary Words

**For Poets** (Poem by Al Young)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **Author Study Sandra Cisneros (No Vocabulary for Author Study)**

- **(from) The Infinite Mind** (Interview by Marit Haahr)
- **Salvador Late or Early** (Short Story by Sandra Cisneros)
- **Chanclas** (Short Story by Sandra Cisneros)
- **Abuelito Who** Short Story by Sandra Cisneros)
- **Where Dreams Come From** Short Story by Sandra Cisneros)

## **The Burning of Books** (Poem by Bertolt Brecht)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **A Prose Listing** (List)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Sea** (Poem by James Reeves)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 6 “Poetry: Sound and Sense”**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Myths and Folk Tales
- Informational Reading Focus: Summarizing
- Elements of Literature: Myths of Greece and Rome by David Adams Leeming
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Becoming Word Wise Kyleene Beers

## **Greek and Latin Roots and Affixes** (List)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Origins of the Season** (Myth by Olivia Coolidge)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Orpheus, The Great Musician** (Myth by Olivia Coolidge)

1. inconsolable – unable to be comforted; broken hearted
2. ghastly – horrible, ghostlike
3. reluctance – unwillingness
4. ascended – moved up

## **The Power of Music** (Autobiography by Madia Salerno Sonnenberg)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **The Flight of Icarus** (Myth by Sally Benson)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

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## **King Midas and the Golden Touch** (Myth by Pamela Oldfield)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **The Funeral Banquet of King Midas** (Magazine Article by John Fleishman)

1. archaeologist – scientists who study the culture of the past, especially by excavating ancient sites.
2. excavating – uncovering or exposing digging
3. avalanche- mass of loosened snow, earth, rocks and so on, suddenly and swiftly down a mountain
4. interior – inner part of anything; opposite of interior is exterior

## **Elements of Literature: Folk Tales** (Virginia Hamilton)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Oni and the Great Bird** (Yoruban Folk Tale by Abayomi Fuja)

1. implored- asked or begged
2. commenced – began
3. invincible – unbeatable
4. hovered – hung in the air
5. imposter – person who pretends to be someone or something that he or she is not.

## **Master Frog** (Vietnamese Folk Tale by Lynette Dyer Vuong)

1. admonished – warned or urged
2. entreaties – earnest requests
3. charade – obvious pretense or act
4. presumptuous – too bold; arrogant
5. cowered – crouched or trembled in fear

## **The Crane Wife** (Japanese Folk Tale by Sumiko Yagawa)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Aunty Misery** (Puerto Rican Folk Tale by Judith Ortiz Cofer)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Hummingbird King** (Mayan Folk Tale by Argentina Palacios)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **The Search Goes On** (History by Carolyn Meyer and Charles Gallenkamp)

1. decipher - interpret
2. ransacked - searched thoroughly for goods to steal; looted, robbed
3. artifacts – objects made by people or adapted for human use
4. connoisseurs - people are expert on something
5. unscrupulous – dishonest

## **Aschenputtel** (German Folk Tale by Jacob and William Grimm)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Dinorella** (Fairy Tale by Pamela Dencan Edwards)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Interview** (Poem by Sara Henderson Hay)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Dream of Good Fortune (from the Arabian Nights)** (Drama by Paul Sills)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Belling the Cat** (Aesop Fable)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 7 “Literary Criticism: Where I Stand”**

- Literary Focus: Criticizing Literature
- Elements of Literature: Evaluating Evidence
- Elements of Literature: Criticism by Madeline Travers Hovland
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Assessing Evidence by Sheri Henderson

## **Letter to the Editor**

- No Vocabulary Words

## **King Arthur: The Sword in the Stone** (Legend Hudson Talbott)

1. turbulent – disorderly
2. tournament – series of contests
3. integrity – honesty; uprightness
4. congregation – gathering

## **Three Responses to Literature** (Essays)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **He's No King** (Article by Kings Lot and Urien)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Merlin and the Dragons** (Legend by Jane Yolen)

1. ruthless – without pity
2. bedraggled - hanging limp and wet; dirty
3. insolence – disrespect
4. recognition – knowing again

## **Sir Gawain and the Loathly Lady** (Legend by Betsy Hearne)

1. chivalry – code that governed knightly behavior such as courage, honor, and readiness to help the weak
2. countenance – face; appearance
3. loathsome – disgusting
4. sovereignty - control; authority

## **(From) Long Walk to Freedom** (Biography by Nelson Mandela)

## **Rosa Parks** (Biography by Rita Dove)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **The Impossible Dream** (Song Lyrics by Joe Darion and Mitch Leigh)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Essay I: Themes in Arthurian Legends** (Essay)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Essay II: Women Characters in King Arthur Stories** (Essay)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Looking for Heroes** (Speech)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 8 “Reading for Life”**

- Informational Focus: Analyzing Information in Public, Workplace and Consumer Documents
- Following Technical Directions

## **Reading for Life** (Sheri Henderson)

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- No Vocabulary Words

## **From Page to Film** (Magazine Article y Kathryn R. Hoffman)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Casting Call** (Public Announcement)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Hollywood Beat** (Newspaper Article)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Application for Permission to Work in the Entertainment Industry** (Application Form)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Letter from a Casting Director** (Business Letter)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Talent Instructions** (Workplace Instructions)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **E-Mail Memo** (Job Memorandum)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Email Directory** (Job Resources)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Bart System Map** (Transit Map)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Bart's Bicycle Rules** (Transit Rules)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Bart Ticket Guide** (Transit fares)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Bart Schedule** (Transit Schedule)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **How to Change a Flat Tire** (Technical Directions)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Talent Instructions** (Workplace Instructions)

- No Vocabulary Words

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- No Vocabulary Words