

Seventh Grade *Johnny Tremain* Vocabulary Handout

1. Apprentice: (n) A person who works for another in order to learn a trade

Location: chapter one

2. Autocratic: (adj) domineering or dictatorial

Location: chapter one

3. Customary: (n., adj) according to or depending on custom; usual; habitual

Location: chapter one

4. Parasite: (n) a person who habitually lives at the expense of others; a sponger)

Location: chapter one (parasitic *adj*)

5. Pride: (n) a high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing, conduct, etc.

Location: chapter one

6. Unobtrusively: (adv) not noticeable or conspicuous

Location: chapter one

7. Crucible: (n) a container of metal or refractory material employed for heating substances to high temperatures.

Location: chapter two

8. Dire: (adj) indicating trouble, disaster, misfortune, or the like

Location: chapter two

9. Eloquence: (n) the practice or art of using language with fluency and aptness.

Location: chapter two

10. Prosperous: (adj) having or characterized by financial success or good fortune; flourishing; successful

Location: chapter two

11. Averted: (v) to turn away or aside: to avert one's eyes.

Location: chapter three

12. Belligerent: (adj) marked by readiness to fight or argue; aggressive

Location: chapter three

13. Indolent: (adj) having or showing a disposition to avoid exertion; slothful

Location: chapter three

14. Wary: (adj) watchful; being on one's guard against danger.

Location: chapter three

15. Cordially: (adj) courteous and gracious; friendly; warm

Location: chapter four

16. Tory: (n) a person who supported the British cause in the American Revolution; a loyalist.

Location: chapter four

17. Tyranny: (n) oppressive or unjustly severe government on the part of any ruler.

Location: chapter four

18. Whig: (n) a member of the patriotic party during the Revolutionary period; supporter of the revolution.

Location: chapter four

19. Pretense: (n) pretending or feigning; make-believe

Location: chapter five

20. Sedition (n) any action, especially in speech or writing, promoting such discontent or rebellion

Location: chapter five (seditious *adj*)

21. Treason: (n) the offense of acting to overthrow one's government or to harm or kill its sovereign.

Location: chapter five

22. Detested: (adj) to feel abhorrence of; hate; dislike intensely

Location: chapter six

23. Disperse: (v) to drive or send off in various directions; scatter

Location: chapter six

24. Implicit: (adj) unquestioning or unreserved; absolute

Location: chapter six

25. Lamentably: (adv) to feel or express sorrow or regret for

Location: chapter six

26. Inundated: (v) to overwhelm, flood

Location: chapter seven

27. Oratory: (n) skill or eloquence in public speaking

Location: chapter seven

28. Prodigiously: (adj) extraordinary in size, amount, extent, degree, force, etc.

Location: chapter seven

29. Lucid: (adj) easily understood; completely intelligible or comprehensible

Location: chapter eight

30. Placate: (v) to appease or pacify, especially by concessions or conciliatory gestures

Location: chapter eight

31. Turbulent: (adj) given to acts of violence and aggression

Location: chapter eight

32. Vengeance: (n) infliction of injury, harm, humiliation, or the like, on a person by another who has been harmed by that person; violent revenge

Location: chapter eight

33. Ardent: (adj) intensely devoted, eager, or enthusiastic; zealous

Location: chapter nine

34. Cultivate: (v) to develop or improve by education or training; train; refine

Location: chapter nine

35. Solitary: (adj) alone; without companions; unattended

Location: chapter nine

36. Trivial: (adj) of very little importance or value; insignificant

Location: chapter nine

37. Dilapidated: (adj) reduced to or fallen into partial ruin or decay, as from age, wear, or neglect

Location: chapter ten

38. Lenient: (adj) agreeably tolerant; permissive; indulgent

Location: chapter eleven

39. Subdued: (adj) quiet; inhibited; repressed; controlled

Location: chapter eleven

40. Translucent: (adj) clear; transparent; permitting light to pass through

Location: chapter twelve