

Grade 6, Theme 2, *Number the Stars*

Vocabulary Words

soothingly in a way that is gentle, friendly, and calming

occupation possession of a place by forcibly capturing it or settling in it

disdainfully in a way that looks down on someone or something; scornfully

exasperated angry; annoyed; irritated

belligerently with a readiness to fight or quarrel

unwavering without doubt; certain

Grade 6, Theme 2, *The Summer of the Swans*

Vocabulary Words

anguish extreme pain or distress of body or mind

expanse a wide area or an open space

engulf to flow over and enclose

compulsion an irresistible impulse to do something

wailed cried out loudly and sorrowfully

waver to be unsteady; to shake

disbelief a firm opinion that something is untrue

Grade 6, Theme 2, *Old Yeller*

Vocabulary Words

- charging** rushing forward to attack
- lunging** moving in a sudden forward reach or rush
- pounced** swooped and seized suddenly
- frantic** in a state of extreme worry
- yarns** made-up stories; tall tales
- romping** running and playing in a carefree way
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Grade 6, Theme 2, *Trapped by the Ice!*

Vocabulary Words

- perilous** risky; dangerous
- impassable** unable to be traveled through
- bailed** scooped water out of a boat
- dehydration** loss of water
- rancid** having the bad smell or taste of spoiled fat or oil
- grueling** tiring or exhausting
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Grade 6, Theme 2, *Flood: Wrestling with the Mississippi*

Vocabulary Words

levees artificial embankments for preventing flooding

seeping flowing or passing slowly through small openings

floodplain level land that may be covered by floodwaters

reservoirs artificial lakes where water is collected for use

yearned felt a deep longing or desire

awed having felt an emotion of fear, respect, and wonder

crested having reached the highest point
