



Pink and Say

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Power Vocabulary List



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BROW	<i>Pronunciation</i>	brou
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	noun
	<i>Definition 1</i>	forehead
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
	His hair looked silky, soft, falling stubbornly over his forehead, curling damply from the sweat on his brow .	
	He wiped his hand across his brow , pushing the dark hair off his forehead as he laughed at the pony's antics.	
	His face crumpled, and he rubbed his brow furiously.	
CLEAVE	<i>Pronunciation</i>	kliev
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	verb
	<i>Definition 1</i>	to adhere firmly and closely or loyally and unwaveringly
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
	Ben felt his tongue cleave to the roof of his mouth.	
	Minerals cleave in different ways depending on their structure.	
	I open my mouth wide and bawl as loudly as I am able and cleave to my mother.	
COMMOTION	<i>Pronunciation</i>	kuh- moh -shuhn
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	noun
	<i>Definition 1</i>	a lot of noisy, excited activity
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
	It became a contest for us to see how quickly this commotion could turn into total peace and quiet.	
	I could hear some commotion downstairs, and then the screen door slammed. Finally the noise and commotion ceased.	
* CONFEDERATE	<i>Pronunciation</i>	kuhn- fed -ur-uht
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	adjective
	<i>Definition 1</i>	having to do with the Confederacy before and during the Civil War
	<i>Definition 2</i>	belonging to a confederacy or union
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
	Confederate leaders urged the other southern states to join them.	
	During the Civil War, Confederate soldiers camped back there.	
	The Union army was trying to break the left wing of the Confederate line, and they attacked over and over again.	

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JEER

Pronunciation **jhr**

Part of Speech verb

Definition 1 to scorn someone in a loud unpleasant way

Word Used in Context

The other soldiers laughed and repeated to **jeer** at each other.

Kids in the audience began to shout and **jeer**.

At first there were boos but even those who had come to **jeer** listened to his arguments and he was able to talk for more than an hour without interruption.

MAHOGANY

Pronunciation mu-**hog**-uh-nee

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a tropical tree with hard, dark, reddish-brown wood that is used for making furniture

Word Used in Context

Wood from the **mahogany** is used to make lovely furniture.

The country exports **mahogany** and many other kinds of timber.

Though the upholstery was slightly faded and worn, the large pieces of furniture were made of **mahogany** and looked to Nancy to be of high quality.

SLAUGHTER

Pronunciation **slaw**-tur

Part of Speech verb

Definition 1 to kill animals for their meat

Word Used in Context

If we **slaughter** the last of the goats, there'll be no more cheese.

In a frenzy of killing and destruction they **slaughter** some of the animals but leave others.

They were going to **slaughter** the steer today.

SMOTE

Pronunciation **smoht**

Part of Speech verb

Definition 1 to strike sharply or heavily especially with the hand or an implement held in the hand

Word Used in Context

The warriors lifted their pikes and **smote** them against their wooden armor in unison.

Achilles **smote** him so terrible a blow with his fist that he fell lifeless on the spot. He **smote** the table a great blow and called for silence.



STARVATION

Pronunciation star-**vay**-shuhn

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the condition of suffering or dying from lack of food

Word Used in Context

This time he threw off all restraint and admitted that hunger was coming perilously close to **starvation**.

The bitter hunger of creeping **starvation** burns from those eyes.

Athabaskans sometimes faced times of **starvation** because the land was unable to produce enough for them.

* UNION

Pronunciation **yoon**-yuhn

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the states that remained loyal to the federal government during the Civil War

Definition 2 an organized group of workers set up to improve such things as working conditions, wages and health benefits

Word Used in Context

The North (**Union**) and the South (Confederacy) then fought the Civil War (1861-1865).

The **Union** Army, moving north through Tennessee, was ready to deliver a crushing blow to the South.

Yes, I will go north, but I'll go to offer myself to the army of the **Union** in Maryland or Pennsylvania.

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A R E P I N C B R O W K A N
D H I S M O O T H E R A N B
L E T O S A N V E S A O U Y
N F P M J C F A I V I X N G
C E T O M S E N F T N C I M
V W Y G F F D K A K B O O A
C Y V O N Y E V W V D M N H
H L M E R G R G D J M M N O
N S E L I A A N U B Z O C G
R W M A T L T N X R X T C A
N C B S V O E U T Y K I P N
G V Y W G E U N X A A O N Y
F S L A U G H T E R L N Z G
K R E E J B C H H M O Y P C

Directions: For each vocabulary word below, circle it in the letter grid above—up and down, across, backwards or diagonally. Going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank to discover the hidden message.

BROW	MAHOGANY
CLEAVE	SLAUGHTER
COMMOTION	SMOTE
CONFEDERATE	STARVATION
JEER	UNION

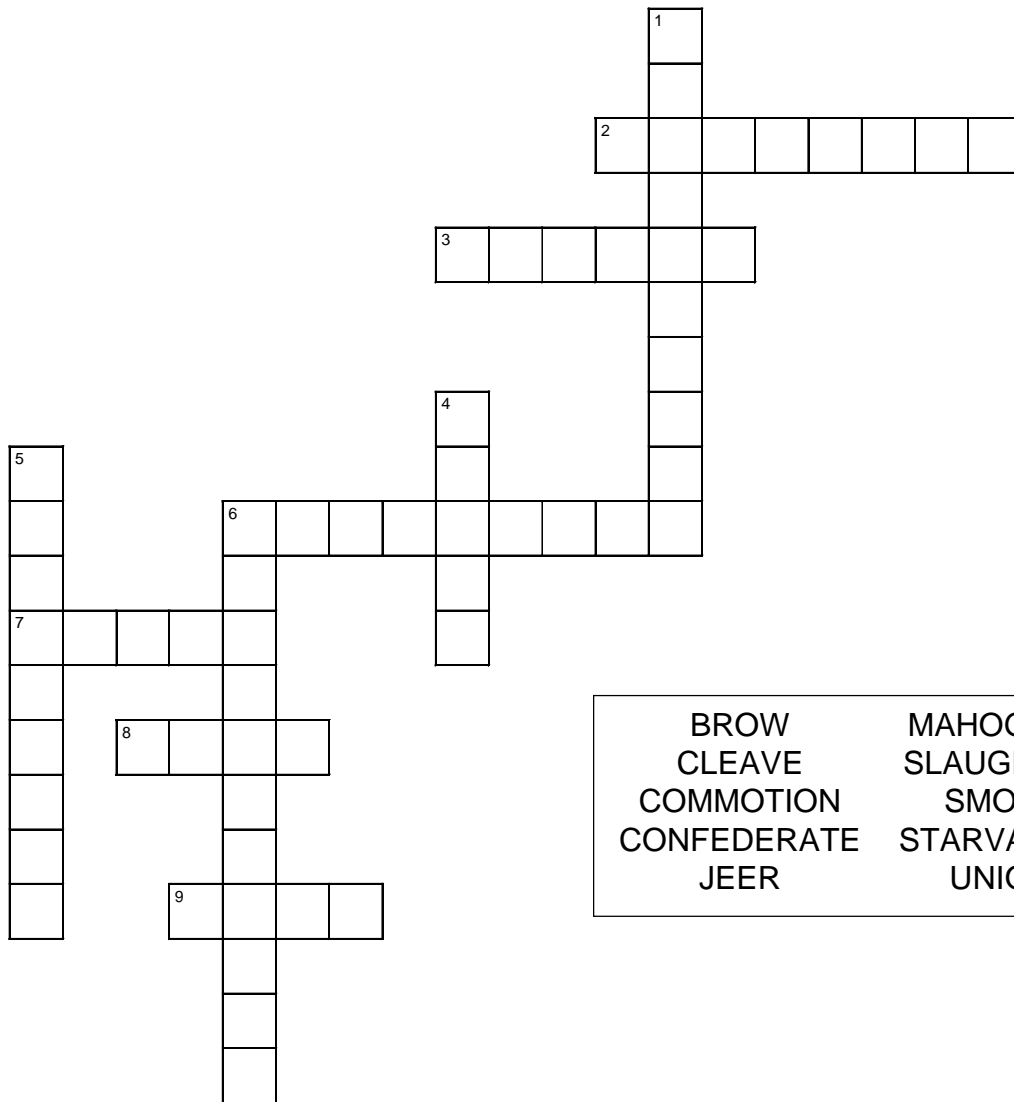
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| CLEAVE | SLAUGHTER |
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Across

- a tropical tree with hard, dark, reddish-brown wood that is used for making furniture
- to adhere firmly and closely or loyally and unwaveringly
- a lot of noisy, excited activity
- the states that remained loyal to the federal government during the Civil War
- to scorn someone in a loud unpleasant way
- forehead

Down

- the condition of suffering or dying from lack of food
- to strike sharply or heavily especially with the hand or an implement held in the hand
- to kill animals for their meat
- having to do with the Confederacy before and during the Civil War

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Directions: For each vocabulary word in the left-column, locate its definition in the right column. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank before the word.

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|-----------------|---|
| ___ brow | 1. the condition of suffering or dying from lack of food |
| ___ cleave | 2. having to do with the Confederacy before and during the Civil War |
| ___ commotion | 3. to kill animals for their meat |
| ___ confederate | 4. to strike sharply or heavily especially with the hand or an implement held in the hand |
| ___ jeer | 5. to scorn someone in a loud unpleasant way |
| ___ mahogany | 6. to adhere firmly and closely or loyally and unwaveringly |
| ___ slaughter | 7. the states that remained loyal to the federal government during the Civil War |
| ___ smote | 8. a tropical tree with hard, dark, reddish-brown wood that is used for making furniture |
| ___ starvation | 9. forehead |
| ___ union | 10. a lot of noisy, excited activity |

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Power Vocabulary Assessment



Directions: Now that you have completed *Pink and Say*, it's time to see if you can use the Power Vocabulary Words you learned while reading this book. Look at each of the sentences below and fill in the Power Vocabulary Word that would best complete the sentence.

BROW	MAHOGANY
CLEAVE	SLAUGHTER
COMMOTION	SMOTE
CONFEDERATE	STARVATION
JEER	UNION

1. The wardrobe was made of _____ and had a deep reddish brown luster.
2. His _____ tightened, forming deep lines in his forehead.
3. The Northern states were called the _____.
4. When _____ troops attacked a Northern fort, the Civil War began.
5. Achren raised the sword above her head and _____ with all her force against a stone pillar.
6. There wasn't much to eat either, so a lot of people perished from sickness and _____.
7. They taunt them and _____ at them and insult them.
8. We will _____ the sheep and eat well for a few days at least.
9. The harbor held all the _____ and noise of a city.
10. Bits of metal _____ to a magnet.