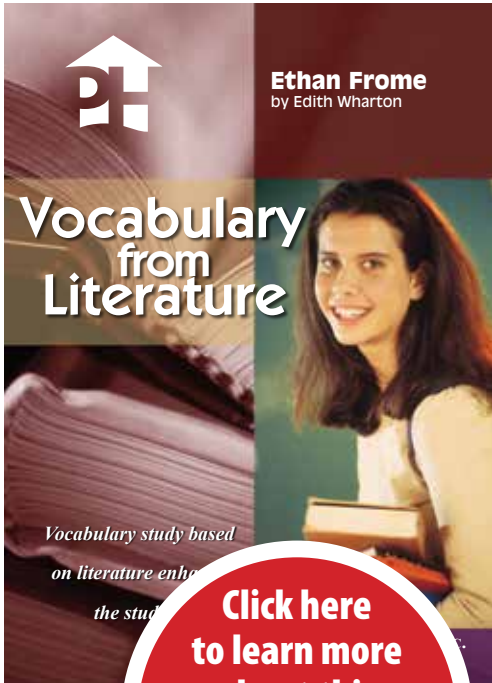




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Activity II
Writing Synonyms
from Context Clues
Introduction and Chapter I

Directions: Replace each highlighted word in the following passages with the synonym that best fits the context of the sentence.

1. There was something **bleak** and unapproachable in his face, and he was so stiffened and **grizzled** that I took him for an old man and was surprised to hear that he was not more than fifty-two. (Pg. 11)

Synonym for **bleak**:

Synonym for **grizzled**:

2. But when winter shut down on Starkfield and the village lay under a sheet of snow **perpetually** renewed from the pale skies, I began to see what life there—or rather its **negation**—must have been in Ethan Frome’s young manhood. (Pg. 13)

Synonym for **perpetually**:

Synonym for **negation**:

3. Frome was so simple and straightforward that I was sure his curiosity about the book was based on genuine interest in its subject. Such tastes and acquirements in a man of his condition made the contrast more **poignant** between his outer situation and his inner needs, and I hoped that the chance of giving expression to the latter might at least unseal his lips. (Pg. 17)

Synonym for **poignant**:

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Activity V
Roots and Prefixes
Introduction and Chapter I

Directions:

Ia. The word *chronicle* comes from *kronos*, the Greek word for “time.” Fill in the chart below with information about other words from this root. Use a dictionary if you need help.

word	antonym	synonym
	one-time	
		history
crony		
chronological		

Ib. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below with the correct *chron/cron* word.

Fritz had been hired because he was a _____ of the woman who owned the company. Little did we know he was a _____ donut-stealer! Every day after Fritz showed up was a day without donuts. Eventually, we created a record of the thefts, in _____ order, starting with the day he was hired. It did no good, unfortunately.

II. *Exanimate* comes from *ex*, “out of,” and *animus*, “soul, spirit.” Match each of the *anim* words below with its correct definition.

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. equanimity | A. evenness of mind |
| 2. animate | B. afraid |
| 3. magnanimous | C. of one mind |
| 4. animadversion | D. generous |
| 5. animosity | E. patience |
| 6. unanimous | F. criticism |
| 7. animism | G. to fill with life |
| 8. longanimity | H. belief that spirits exist in natural things |
| 9. pusillanimous | I. hostility |

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Activity II
Writing Definitions
from Context Clues
Chapters VIII, IX, and the Epilogue

Directions: For each excerpt from these chapters, select the correct definition from the choices provided for each vocabulary word. As a last resort, you may use the dictionary but the definition you select for each word must make sense in the context it is being used in the passage.

1. When Ethan was called back to the farm by his father's illness his mother gave him, for his own use, a small room behind the **untenanted** "best parlour." here had had nailed up shelves for his books, built himself a box-sofa out of boards and a mattress, laid out his papers on the kitchen-table, hung on the rough plaster wall an engraving of Abraham Lincoln and a calendar with "Thoughts from the Poets," and tried, with these **meagre** properties, to produce some likeness to the study of a "minister" who had been kind to him and lent him books when he was at Worcester. He still took refuge there in summer, but when Mattie came to live at the farm he had to give her his stove, and consequently the room was **uninhabitable** for several months of the year. (Pg. 73)

Definition of **untenanted**:

- A. surrounded
- B. unoccupied
- C. worked
- D. dirty, grimy
- E. filled

Definition of **meagre**:

- A. a valuable object
- B. a quiet place
- C. a large amount
- D. a small amount
- E. uncultivated

Definition of **uninhabitable**:

- A. unusually warm
- B. filled
- C. decorated
- D. valuable
- E. not fit to live in

Ethan Frome

Activity IV
Completing Sentences
Chapters VIII, IX, and the Epilogue

Directions: The following sentences each contain a vocabulary word from the text. Complete each sentence with enough information to demonstrate you understand the meaning of the word.

1. The **incessant** chatter made the teacher _____

2. An **injunction** allows the court to _____

3. Amanda's **ebullition** was a result of _____

4. The students **repined** after _____

5. Early in the 1900s, many were **destitute** because of _____

6. Maggie **averted** her eyes from _____

7. **Mottlings** of dirt were evident _____

8. His **devious** behavior forced his mother _____

9. Peter's **avowal** of love made Jessica feel _____

10. While in the forest, the campers were **swathed** by _____

11. The **lineaments** on the map revealed _____
