



SEQUENCING OF EVENTS IN THE SLAVE NARRATIVE OF HENRY "BOX" BROWN
STUDENT HANDOUT 2: VOCABULARY FROM THE NARRATIVE

Vocabulary from Chapter 1

Word(s) from the Narrative	Meaning
"marketable goods"	fit to be sold
"wrenched"	pulled forcibly away
"sadness of her <i>countenance</i> "	expression on somebody's face
"avaricious men"	greedy desire for money
"imbibe"	take something into the mind as if drinking it in
"superstition"	beliefs that actions bring good or bad luck
"blasphemous teachings"	disrespect for God
"notion that <i>prevails</i> "	a widespread idea; an idea held by many slaves
"harrowing"	causing fear, horror, or disgust

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Vocabulary from Chapter 2

Word(s) from the Narrative	Meaning
" <i>forlorn</i> looking beings"	lonely, deserted, abandoned
" <i>inducing</i> them"	causing, forcing, influencing
" <i>licentious</i> men"	pursuing desire selfishly
" <i>pecuniary</i> "	involving money
" <i>progeny</i> "	an offspring of a person
" <i>exempted from</i> "	not subject to this treatment
" <i>ere</i> "	before
"nothing <i>daunted</i> "	nothing to make someone feel scared
" <i>rebuff</i> "	to reject or snub
" <i>availing</i> themselves of"	taking advantage of
" <i>demanding reparation</i> "	compensation or restoration

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Vocabulary from Chapter 3

Word(s) from the Narrative	Meaning
"his <i>notion</i> "	idea
" <i>emancipation</i> "	freeing
"began to <i>clamour</i> "	make a lot of noise
" <i>lamenting</i> "	Expressing sorrow
" <i>Jehovah</i> "	God
" <i>galling bondage</i> "	with the effect of frustrating and annoying somebody
" <i>apprehension</i> "	fear
" <i>unprincipled</i> "	lacking morals or ethics
" <i>tyranny</i> "	exercising power in a cruel and unjust way
" <i>barbarous</i> "	showing extreme cruelty
" <i>ardently</i> "	Passionately
" <i>induce them</i> "	influence somebody to do or think something
" <i>lacerates</i> "	to cut or gash the skin
" <i>infirmities</i> "	weaknesses with a lack of strength
" <i>domestic</i> "	related to the house or home
" <i>endeavoured</i> "	made an effort
" <i>shrewd</i> "	clever
" <i>insurrection</i> "	rebellion
" <i>impious mandate</i> "	with no respect for a command
" <i>extort</i> "	to take something from someone using force or threats
" <i>levity</i> "	lightness
" <i>bower</i> "	a leafy shelter
" <i>overseer</i> "	somebody in charge of workers

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Vocabulary from Chapter 4

Word(s) from the Narrative	Meaning
" <i>overseer</i> "	somebody in charge of workers
" <i>depraved despot</i> "	wicked or immoral
" <i>diabolical</i> "	evil or cruel
" <i>legitimate interest</i> "	following rules or the law
" <i>tyranical</i> "	ruling with power and cruel
" <i>doctrine</i> "	a rule or principle that follows a belief
" <i>profane swearing</i> "	using words that show disrespect for God
" <i>denunciation</i> "	an accusation or condemnation of something or somebody
" <i>scamp</i> "	a mischievous person, somebody who misbehaves
" <i>zeal</i> "	enthusiasm
" <i>catechism</i> "	instruction in the principles of Christianity

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Vocabulary from Chapter 5

Word(s) from the Narrative	Meaning
"reproved him"	speaks with disapproval
"endeavoured"	to make an effort to achieve something
"doctrine"	a rule or belief
"commenced"	began to happen
"pious"	religious, devout
"resolutions"	firm decisions to do something

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Vocabulary from Chapter 6

Word(s) from the Narrative	Meaning
"matrimonial state"	related to being married
"staunch"	loyal and dependable
"scruples"	moral ideas that restrain behavior
"induced"	persuaded
"implicit"	not said, but understood
"propensities"	tendency
"feigned"	fake
"implored"	pleaded with somebody
"inexorable"	impossible to stop
"barbarity"	a cruel act
"tyrant's"	a cruel and unjust ruler
"ameliorate"	to improve something or make it better
"endeavours"	earnest execution to make something happen
"deprivation"	being without or denied something

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Vocabulary from Chapter 7

Word(s) from the Narrative	Meaning
" <i>affliction</i> "	great physical or mental distress
" <i>entreaties</i> "	serious and passionate requests
" <i>snap in sunder</i> "	to separate something with force
" <i>asunder</i> "	into separate parts
" <i>galling chains</i> "	with the effect of frustrating and annoying somebody
" <i>vitriol</i> "	bitterness and hatred
" <i>poultice</i> "	a warm moist preparation placed on part of the body
" <i>gimlet holes</i> "	a small tool for boring holes in wood
" <i>depot</i> "	a railroad station
" <i>proceed</i> "	to continue
" <i>endeavored</i> "	made an effort to achieve something

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