

Tom Sawyer Vocabulary Chapters 4,5,6

tranquil—very calm, quiet; free from disturbance

benediction—a blessing given at the end of a religious service

prospective—looked forward to as likely or promised; probable; expected

grandeur—the quality of being grand; splendor; magnificent

scarify—to mark, damage or scar

diligently—showing painstaking effort; industriously; carefully

disconcerted—upset; perturbed

tallow—hard fat rendered from sheep or cattle used to make soap, candles, and lubricants

edifice—a large, impressive building or structure

éclat—a brilliant success; fame, glory; applause, approval

mien—way of acting or looking; demeanor; bearing

prodigious—very great; huge; vast

prodigy—a person endowed with amazing talent, brilliance, etc.

dupe—a person easily deceived or tricked

wily—using tricks to deceive; crafty; cunning

venerable—worthy of respect

laggard—slow; backward; lagging; someone who loiters

predestined—destiny; fate; decided beforehand

odious—very displeasing; hateful; offensive

expectorate—to cough up and spit out

pariah—any person or animal generally despised; an outcast

animosity—hostile feelings; dislike

caricature—imitation of something by ridiculous exaggeration

derrick—a machine with a long arm used to lift something

portentous—indicating evil to come; ominous; threatening

ostentation—showing off; display intended to impress others