

My Personal Vocabulary

My Personal Vocabulary (MPV) is a way to study words in meaningful context. Today, as you read, note at least 1 word for which you would like a better or deeper understanding. Then...

- 1) Carefully copy the sentence in which you found the word. Use quotation marks to show that these words belong to another writer. Underline the word you plan to *study*.

Example

“He was pretty well crocked, which made me apprehensive. If Dally was drunk and in a dangerous mood ...”

- 2) In parentheses note the following information about your book:
 - a. Author Last Name
 - b. Title Underlined
 - c. Copyright Year – look in the first pages for ©
 - d. Page Number

Example

(Hinton, The Outsiders, 1967, 59)

- 3) Using a dictionary, read all the definitions for your chosen word. Find the definition that best fits the context of the sentence you copied. Lastly, write the word, (part of speech), and the definition.

Example

apprehensive: (adj.) uneasy or fearful about something that might happen

Now, following the example on the back, on page 140 of your LN (8th-graders,) or 161 of your RN (7th-graders), create an MPV entry for Week _____. Turn in this page for a grade, but be prepared to show your MPV entry to Ms. Durham. Remember to collect 4 to 10 words for each week.

Notebook Entry Example

- 1 *MPV Week 13, 11/13/2014*
- 3 *He used his heels to goad the brown pony up and out of the gully Sanota had led them to; ahead Magpie caught the sun and his long black hair shone like a raven's wing in the light.*
- 4 *(Paulsen, Canyons, 1990, 18)*
- 5 *Goad (v) = to coax, persuade, prod, urge*

1. Label and Date your MPV entry.
 - 7th-graders, begin your entries on page 162 of your Reader's Notebook (RN).
 - 8th- graders, write your entries on the next available space in the Writing Pages of your Literacy Notebook (LN).
2. Choose a word from your BFP that you don't know or would like a better understanding.
3. Carefully write the sentence containing the word and underline it.
4. Include the following source information: (Author Last Name, Title underlined, Copyright Year, page number.
5. On a separate line, rewrite the word, its part of speech, and the definition that best fits the context of the sentence.