

## Resource Sheet #7

### Vocabulary Sheet

- Abolitionist:** A person who favors the abolition (doing away with wholly; annulling; to making void) of any institution, especially slavery.
- African-American, Black, People of color:** of or belonging to a group of people having skin that is brown, or being related to an African-American. Although African-American is the word preferred by many, black (or Black) is also widely used and is not offensive. As a noun, African-American is now more commonly used, but when describing historical events, black is still often used.
- bloodhound:** a large dog that has a very good ability to smell things, and is used for hunting animals or finding people who are lost.
- carnage:** the violent killing of large numbers of people, especially in war.
- chivalry:** very polite and honorable behavior, especially shown by men towards women.
- Civil War:** a war fought between groups of people living in the same country, especially the American Civil War, fought between 1861 and 1865.
- discord:** disagreement a lack of agreement or shared opinions.
- ethics:** a system of accepted beliefs which control behavior, especially such a system based on morals.
- feeble:** weak and without energy, strength or power.
- free-born:** at birth not a prisoner or a slave (person legally owned by someone else).
- genres:** a style, especially in the arts, that involves a particular set of characteristics. In literature, a type of literary composition; Harper's genres are letters, poems, short stories, essays, novels (books), and lectures.
- gratitude:** the feeling or quality of being grateful.
- groveller (grovel):** to behave with too much respect towards someone to show them that you are very eager to please them.

<b>idle:</b>	not working or being used.
<b>laurels:</b>	praise for a person because of something which they have done, usually in sport, the arts or politics.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Century:</b>	the period of time from 1801 to 1900.
<b>temperance:</b>	the habit of not drinking alcohol because you believe it is dangerous or wrong.
<b>oppression:</b>	when people are governed in an unfair and cruel way and prevented from having opportunities and freedom.
<b>peril:</b>	great danger, or something that is very dangerous.
<b>plunder:</b>	to steal goods violently from a place, especially during a war. 2 to steal or remove something precious from something, in an immoral or unnecessarily severe way.
<b>scourge:</b>	something or someone that causes great suffering or a lot of trouble
<b>unfurled:</b>	used to add the meaning 'not', 'lacking' or 'the opposite of' before adjectives, adverbs, verbs and nouns.
<b>vain:</b>	unsuccessful or useless; of no value.
<b>valiant:</b>	very brave or bravely determined, especially when things are difficult or the situation gives no cause for hope.