

Vocabulary for *Esperanza Rising*

#	WORD	Page #	Part of Speech	Definition
1	incline	2	noun	land that slopes upward
2	scythe	4	noun	a tool with a curved, single-edged blade
3	arbor	5	noun	a shelter of vines or branches
4	cluster	5	noun	a number of similar things that occur together
5	court	7	verb	to pay respectful attention to
6	vicious	8	adjective	characterized by vice or evil; corrupt or depraved
7	premonition	9	noun	a warning in advance
8	serenade	9	verb/noun	to perform a vocal or instrumental piece of music
9	congregate	9	verb	to assemble or collect
10	camisole	10	noun	a short sleeveless jacket for women
11	adobe	10	noun	a brick of sun-dried earth
12	horizon	10	noun	the line where the sky seems to meet the earth
13	sprawl	11	verb/noun	to spread the limbs in a relaxed position
14	scold	11	verb	to find fault angrily
15	capricious	13	adjective	tending to change abruptly and without reason
16	aroma	14	noun	a pleasant odor
17	tallow	21	noun	white and nearly tasteless fat
18	anguish	23	noun	great mental suffering
21	quivery	25	adjective	shaky with a tremendous motion
22	condolence	26	noun	an expression of sympathy with another in grief
23	rosary	27	noun	a string of beads used to keep count of prayers
24	crochet	29	noun/verb	needlework consisting of the interlocking stitches
25	indignation	30	noun	anger or scorn resulting from injustice
26	enveloped	40	verb	to wrap up or cover completely
27	deliberate	42	adjective/verb	carefully thought out and performed
28	trance	42	noun	a state of altered consciousness resembling sleep
29	smoldering	43	adjective	burning or smoking without flame
30	skillet	43	noun	a pot or kettle with a long handle
31	mortar	43	noun	a very hard bowl in which substances are ground
32	phoenix	50	noun	a bird that symbolizes immortality
33	shawl	50	noun	an oblong cloth worn by women as a covering
34	guava	58	noun	tropical fruit-bearing American plants
35	persistent	62	adjective	refusing to relent
36	mesmerize	64	verb	to hypnotize or spellbind
37	doting	64	adjective	foolishly or excessively fond of
38	jostle	65	verb	to bump or push
39	thicket	66	noun	a thick growth of shrubs
40	reek	66	verb/noun	to have a strong, unpleasant smell
41	undulate	68	verb	to cause to move in waves
42	monotonous	72	adjective	going on in the same tone without variation
43	valise	72	noun	a suitcase
44	crippled	78	adjective/verb	lame or disabled
45	complexion	79	noun	the general appearance or nature

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46	stagnant	81	adjective	without motion or current, not moving
47	grime	81	noun	sooty dirt covering a surface
48	demeanor	82	noun	outward behavior or conduct
49	frail	86	adjective	easily shattered, broken or damaged
50	cherub	88	noun	a winged heavenly being that acts as a guardian
51	barren	90	adjective	unable to produce offspring
52	nauseous	92	adjective	affected with sickness or disgust
53	hillock	95	noun	a small hill or mound
54	tamarisk	99	noun	tree or shrub with tender branches and flowers
55	cot	102	noun	a narrow, collapsible bed
56	foreman	106	noun	person in charge of a group or department
57	plaited	109	adjective	braided or interweaved
58	accost	114	verb	to approach and speak to in an aggressive way
59	gingerly	114	adverb	very carefully or cautiously
60	wrung	114	verb	to squeeze or twist (past tense of “wring”)
61	unrelenting	116	adjective	not yielding, determined
62	ridicule	117	verb/noun	to laugh at or make fun of
63	shrug	119	verb/noun	to hunch shoulders up to express indifference
64	shrine	123	noun	the tomb of a saint, a place for devotion
65	trellis	124	noun	a frame of latticework for growing plants
66	burlap	127	adjective	made of a coarse fabric
67	hull	128	noun	the frame or body of a boat or a ship
68	huddled	131	adjective/verb	closely packed
69	shabby	135	adjective	thread-bare and faded from great wear
70	extravagant	136	adjective	excessive, unduly lavish
71	amber	147	adjective	yellowish or brownish fossil resin
72	tumbleweeds	147	noun	a plant, broken away from roots, carried by wind
73	hazy	149	adjective	obscured or darkened
74	eerie	150	adjective	weird or uncanny
75	squint	150	verb	to look or peer with the eyes partly closed
76	encrusted	151	adjective	covered as with a crust
77	spasm	151	noun/verb	abnormal or involuntary muscle contraction
78	immunize	156	verb	to create resistance in the body
79	skein	161	noun	a loosely gathered spool of yarn or thread
80	trance	163	noun	catatonic state where the body functions normally
81	convent	163	noun	a local community or house of religious order
82	grotto	164	noun	a cave
83	cavernous	168	adjective	of large or unknown size
84	bereft	168	adjective	deprived of or lacking something
85	musty	174	adjective	tasting or smelling of dampness or decay
86	vapor	179	noun	fine particles floating in the air (as smoke or fog)
87	glycerine	180	noun	a sweet syrupy alcohol used as a solvent
88	mesquite	181	noun/adjective	leafy trees or shrubs often used to grill
89	supple	181	adjective	capable of bending without breaking
90	pneumonia	182	noun	an inflammatory disease of the lungs
91	halo	184	noun	a circle of light surrounding the head or body

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92	loamy	186	adjective	similar in appearance to loose soil
93	indignation	188	noun	anger aroused by something unjust
94	intestine	189	noun	a tubular extension from the stomach
95	twinge	192	verb	to feel a sharp, sudden pain
96	spigot	193	noun	a faucet
97	menace	200	noun	a threat or danger
98	asylum	214	noun	a place of refuge or protection
99	anxiety	225	noun	emotional or mental unease
100	antiseptic	231	adjective	scrupulously clean