Vocabulary:

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Their fingers on the triggers, they did not ***deprive*** themselves of this pleasure.

2. He sat up and looked round him, bewildered, stupefied--a ***bereaved*** stare.

3. From time to time, the SS officers on motorcycles would go down the length of the column to try and shake us out of our growing ***apathy***.

4. His ***livid*** face was covered with a layer of frost.

5. The days were like nights, and the nights left the ***dregs*** of their darkness in our souls.

6. Wild beasts of prey, with animal hatred in their eyes; an extraordinary ***vitality*** had seized them, sharpening their teeth and nails.

7. He was finished, at the end of his ***tether***.

8. The ***contagion*** spread to the other carriages.

9. A ***plaintive***, beseeching voice caught me in the spine.

10. And, in the depths of my being, in the ***recesses*** of my weakened conscience, could I have searched it, I might perhaps have found something like--free at last!

**Part II: Determining the Meaning**

**Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.**

1. deprive A. lack of emotion or feeling

2. bereaved B. ashen; pallid

3. apathy C. harmful influence

4. livid D. expressing sorrow

5. dregs E. the least desirable portions

6. vitality F. the limit of one's resources or endurance

7. tether G. remote, secret places

8. contagion H. vigor; energy

9. plaintive I. left alone by death

10. recesses J. to take something away from