

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 2 *The Westing Game*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual 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. Some stared at the afflicted child with morbid fascination, but most turned away.

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3. "Then we are still waiting for one, no, two more," the lawyer said, fumbling with his papers, his hands shaking under the strict scrutiny of the judge.

4. Her exaggerated hips were even more exaggerated by the wavy stripes of white on her purple dress.

5. Although the will you are about to hear may seem eccentric, I pledge my good name and reputation on its legality.

6. The culprit is far too cunning to be apprehended for this dastardly deed.

7. Someone had moved a white pawn.

8. Absent pairs forfeit the \$10,000; their clues will be held until the next session.

9. She must seem as pompous as that intern, putting on airs with that title.

10. Angela stepped tentatively behind the secretary, not knowing whether to ignore her disability or to take her arm.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 2 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | morbid | A. A close, careful examination or study |
| ___ 2. | fascination | B. Highly unusual; very odd |
| ___ 3. | scrutiny | C. Having an unhealthy interest in death or gruesome subjects |
| ___ 4. | exaggerated | D. Made to seem more extreme than in reality |
| ___ 5. | eccentric | E. Give up something by force or as punishment |
| ___ 6. | cunning | F. Intense interest or attraction |
| ___ 7. | pawn | G. Without certainty; not permanently |
| ___ 8. | forfeit | H. Having an inflated view of one's own importance, intelligence, or value |
| ___ 9. | pompous | I. Smartly sly; calculating in actions |
| ___ 10. | tentatively | J. A chess piece of the lowest value, used to protect more valuable pieces |