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Vocabulary Study

CONTEXT CLUES

A. Directions: Cover up or fold under the right-hand column. As your teacher reads each sentence, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings for the word. Then verify your answers by checking the definition on the right.

Word	How It Is Used	Definition
1. abstain	Because Achilles chose to abstain from battle, the Greeks had to fight without him.	to hold oneself back from doing something
2. defile	As part of his revenge against Hector, Achilles decided to defile Hector's corpse.	to make filthy or impure; to violate the honor of
3. felicity	When the Greek gods favored someone, that person had a life filled with felicity .	happiness; good fortune
4. havoc	Hector was a fierce warrior who wreaked havoc upon the Greeks.	widespread destruction
5. ponderous	Achilles required great strength in order to wield such a ponderous sword.	very heavy
6. rancor	The Greeks and the Trojans were enemies, and there was great rancor between them.	bitter, long-lasting anger; ill will
7. scourge	A scourge to the Trojans, Achilles had slain many warriors.	a source of great suffering or destruction
8. vulnerable	In their defenseless state, the soldiers were vulnerable to attack.	open to attack; easily hurt

B. Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, write a sentence for each word. If possible, have your sentences tell a story.