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COPY MASTER

Vocabulary Study

CONTEXT CLUES

A. Directions: As your teacher reads the passage, listen for each boldfaced word and clues to its meaning. Then discuss possible meanings of the word.

When Shana's spacecraft landed on Oog, the people there soon branded her a **heretic** because her beliefs were so very different from theirs. Some looked on her with **enmity**; others were not quite so hostile but nevertheless viewed her with pity and scorn.

"When you die, you will never reach the **celestial** kingdom in the sky," the village elder told Shana. "Death will not **transfigure** you into a heavenly being. There will be no transformation; instead, you will stay as you are now, only in a tiny room with little light. You will never wear the beautiful woven silk **raiment** of heavenly beings; instead you will wear coarse wool garments in your tiny dark room. And you will eat only the plainest food, and you will hear none of the elegant music of the skies."

"I do not care about what I wear. I do not care about fancy food, and elegant music. Such things are all **vanity**," Shana said, "shallow things with no real value to me or anyone else. What I care about is being true to my beliefs."

Day after day, without **respite**, the people of Oog tried to persuade Shana to accept their views. Yet no matter what they said or did, Shana remained **implacable**. She would not budge from her own beliefs.

B. Directions: Write each boldfaced word from Part A beside its definition.

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| 1. | _____ | a period of relief |
| 2. | _____ | emptiness; worthlessness |
| 3. | _____ | unchangeable; inflexible |
| 4. | _____ | someone who expresses beliefs different from accepted views |
| 5. | _____ | clothing |
| 6. | _____ | to transform in a way that glorifies |
| 7. | _____ | heavenly |
| 8. | _____ | bitter hatred |