

SHOOTING AN ELEPHANT

COPY MASTER

Vocabulary Study**WORDS IN CONTEXT**

Directions: As your teacher reads each item, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings of the word, and write on the chart what you think the word means. After reading “Shooting an Elephant,” confirm or adjust your definitions.

1. The demonstrators were not **cowed** by the heavily armed police officers.
2. Since Britain was a democracy, the queen did not think of herself as a **despotic** ruler.
3. Forsaking his **garish** native clothes, the Indian now wore a dull tan uniform.
4. **Imperialism** brought a wealth of trade and territory to Great Britain.
5. The police station was a **labyrinth** of hallways with many bends and turns.
6. **Prostrate** before the judges, the former dictator pleaded for mercy.
7. The **senility** of the eighty-year-old king made him no longer fit to rule.
8. A new government will **supplant** the current one after the election.

Vocabulary Word	Predicted Meaning	Meaning in Selection
1. cowed		
2. despotic		
3. garish		
4. imperialism		
5. labyrinth		
6. prostrate		
7. senility		
8. supplant		