

Ivanhoe (Lessons 1-4)  
Vocabulary Quiz #1

**Instructions:** Match the word with its definition.

A. obstreperous	B. vassalage	C. castellated
D. inveterate	E. predilection	F. pique
G. sagacious	H. hussar	I. exculpation
J. reliquary	K. aquiline	L. russet
M. poniard	N. troubadour	O. postern
P. perfidious	Q. pennon	R. esplanade
S. caracole	T. escutcheon	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a member of any ornately uniformed European units of light cavalry
2. \_\_\_\_\_ treacherous
3. \_\_\_\_\_ furnished with turrets and battlements like a castle; having a castle
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a strolling minstrel
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a partiality or disposition in favor of something; a preference
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a long, narrow banner or streamer borne upon a lance
7. \_\_\_\_\_ a receptacle, such as a coffer or shrine, for keeping sacred relics
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the service, homage, and fealty required of a vassal; servitude
9. \_\_\_\_\_ a shield or shield-shaped emblem bearing a coat of arms
10. \_\_\_\_\_ a dagger typically having a slender square or triangular blade
11. \_\_\_\_\_ to cause to feel resentment or indignation; to provoke; to arouse
12. \_\_\_\_\_ a flat, open stretch of pavement or grass
13. \_\_\_\_\_ of, relating to, or having characteristics of an eagle
14. \_\_\_\_\_ noisily and stubbornly defiant; aggressively boisterous
15. \_\_\_\_\_ a half turn to right or left performed by a horse and rider
16. \_\_\_\_\_ a moderate to strong brown; a coarse brown homespun cloth
17. \_\_\_\_\_ having keen discernment, sound judgement, and farsightedness
18. \_\_\_\_\_ a small rear gate, especially one in a fort or castle
19. \_\_\_\_\_ firmly and long established; deep-rooted
20. \_\_\_\_\_ the clearing of guilt or blame

Ivanhoe (Lessons 5-9)  
Vocabulary Quiz #2

**Instructions:** Match the word with its definition.

A. capricious	B. menial	C. retinue
D. filial	E. nocturnal	F. churl
G. palfrey	H. requisite	I. fief
J. seneschal	K. purveyor	L. abstemiousness
M. cabal	N. primogeniture	O. profligate
P. vociferate	Q. assay	R. caterwaul
S. ditty	T. homage	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ eating and drinking in moderation
2. \_\_\_\_\_ given over to dissipation; dissolute; recklessly wasteful
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the retainers or attendants accompanying a high-ranking person
4. \_\_\_\_\_ special honor or respect shown or expressed publicly
5. \_\_\_\_\_ required; essential
6. \_\_\_\_\_ to utter something or cry out loudly and forcefully
7. \_\_\_\_\_ of, relating to, or occurring in the night
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a simple song
9. \_\_\_\_\_ an official in charge of domestic arrangements in a medieval home
10. \_\_\_\_\_ impulsive and unpredictable; subject to whim
11. \_\_\_\_\_ to make a shrill, discordant sound
12. \_\_\_\_\_ a saddle horse, especially one for a woman to ride
13. \_\_\_\_\_ right of the eldest son to inherit the entire estate of the parents
14. \_\_\_\_\_ one that furnishes provisions; one that promulgates something
15. \_\_\_\_\_ having or assuming the relationship of child to parent
16. \_\_\_\_\_ to examine by trial or experiment; to evaluate, assess, attempt
17. \_\_\_\_\_ a rude, boorish person; a medieval English peasant
18. \_\_\_\_\_ a conspiratorial group of plotters or intriguers
19. \_\_\_\_\_ a domestic servant; a person who has a servile or low nature
20. \_\_\_\_\_ land granted by a lord to his vassal on condition of sworn service

Ivanhoe  
Vocabulary Quiz #3

1. The message in the letter, which announced the execution of the prisoners, was so \_\_\_\_\_ that the Black Knight refused to believe such a purpose would be attempted.  
(A) avid  
(B) decrepit  
(C) magnanimous  
(D) nefarious  
(E) supercilious
2. While his keeping Ivanhoe's identity a secret seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ and noble, De Bracy was using the knowledge as leverage to force Rowena to meet his demands regarding her.  
(A) avid  
(B) decrepit  
(C) magnanimous  
(D) nefarious  
(E) supercilious
3. Even though the castle was \_\_\_\_\_ by over 500 yeoman, the knights nevertheless possessed a \_\_\_\_\_ and an arrogant air of superiority in spite of the odds.  
(A) bandied . . nefarious  
(B) beleaguered . . supercilious  
(C) betrayed . . decrepit  
(D) pawned . . baronial  
(E) vociferated . . magnanimous
4. The damp and \_\_\_\_\_ surroundings of the dungeon were a fitting place for Isaac to contemplate his soon being reduced to the station of a \_\_\_\_\_ after he heard the amount of his ransom..  
(A) supercilious . . baldric  
(B) nefarious . . calumniator  
(C) magnanimous . . patrimony  
(D) decrepit . . mendicant  
(E) baronial . . barbican
5. Font-de-Boeuf seemed to have a greater \_\_\_\_\_ than Isaac when it came to gold and silver coins.  
(A) avarice  
(B) avidity  
(C) baldric  
(D) patrimony  
(E) vassal

**OVER**

6. \_\_\_\_\_

When the Jester, whom was arrayed in the

A

cowl and frock of a hermit, was asked by the

B

C

guard what was his name, Wamba said, "*Pax*

D

*vobiscum.*" No error.

E

7. \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking with defiance to De Bracy, she

A

B

emphasized that the knight's language

C

resembled that of a minstrel. No error.

D

E

8. \_\_\_\_\_

Threatening to kill herself, Sir Brian finally

A

realizes the fortitude that Rebecca possesses,

B

C

and he admires her for it. No error.

D

E

9. \_\_\_\_\_

After convincing Rebecca to step away from

A

the window, Sir Brian, who was famous among

B

the Templars, tell the Jewess that he would

C

return later after learning what was the reason

D

for the blast of the horn. No error.

E

10. Since he received his land from Prince John, Front-de-Boeuf was a vassal to his lord.

The word "vassal" means most nearly in this context a

(A) talebearer.

(B) beggar.

(C) subordinate.

(D) truss.

(E) baldric.

11. When Wamba saw the avidity of the yeomans' willingness to help rescue his master, the fool was more determined to undertake the enterprise.

The word "avidity" means

(A) caution.

(B) nervousness.

(C) apathy.

(D) enthusiasm.

(E) fearfulness.

12. While at one time having a definite baronical appearance, the room where Rowena was kept had become unattractive due to neglect.

The word "baronical" means

(A) common.

(B) narrow.

(C) stately.

(D) sparse.

(E) roomy.

13. When he decided to leave England with King Richard, Ivanhoe could expect no patrimony from his father.

The word "patrimony" means

(A) inheritance.

(B) thank-you.

(C) farewell.

(D) letter.

(E) horses.

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Early in the novel, *Ivanhoe*, the reader suspects that Sir Brian de Bois-Guilbert, whose a Templar, hates women. The reason for this

**14**

- 14. A. NO CHANGE
- B. whom
- C. who
- D. who is

misogyny is revealed in chapter 24. In this chapter, Sir Brian appears harsh and demanding with Rebecca after having her placed in a turret room. Only after she goes to the window and threatens to

**15**

- 15. A. NO CHANGE
- B. her going
- C. Rebecca's going
- D. Rebecca goes

kill herself rather than submit to disgrace does the knight become reasonable. At this point, the Templar confides with Rebecca that by nature he was not hardly selfish and relentless. Indeed, Sir

**16**

- 16. A. NO CHANGE
- B. hardly not
- C. never hardly
- D. hardly

Brian states that his change was due to unrequited love. According to Sir Brian, a woman taught him the meaning of cruelty. The knight had fallen in love with Adelaide de Montemare her name became famous throughout Christendom by his deeds and exploits.

**17**

- 17. A. NO CHANGE
- B. fragment
- C. fused sentence
- D. comma splice

But upon returning to France, Sir Brian discovers that Adelaide, who he risked life and blood, had married a squire and failed to

**18**

- 18. A. NO CHANGE
- B. whose
- C. who is
- D. whom

wait for him. Sir Brian claims he loved this woman, whose fortune consisted of very little, because her father being a petty baron with

**19**

- 19. A. NO CHANGE
- B. was
- C. were
- D. be

few holdings. Thus, by becoming a member of the Knights Templars, he gives up his independence to pursue a domestic life

**20**

- 20. A. NO CHANGE
- B. Sir Brian gives
- C. his giving
- D. Sir Brian's giving

with a home and a wife.

Ivanhoe (Lessons 15-19)  
Vocabulary Quiz #4

**Instructions:** Match the word with its definition.

A. affray	B. parricide	C. halberd
D. hauberk	E. malison	F. stentorian
G. crestfallen	H. buxom	I. prelate
J. caitiff	K. malapert	L. bewray
M. consuetude	N. cabalistic	O. periapt
P. sortilege	Q. conclave	R. heinous
S. paternoster	T. pharmacopeia	U. pawn

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a curse
2. \_\_\_\_\_ sorcery; witchcraft
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to disclose or betray
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a weapon of the middle ages with an axe-like blade and steel pike
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a collection or stock of drugs; a book containing a list of drugs
6. \_\_\_\_\_ healthily plump and ample figure; lively, vivacious, and merry
7. \_\_\_\_\_ a charm worn as protection against mischief and disease
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a long tunic made of chain mail
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to give as security for payment of money borrowed; to risk; hazard
10. \_\_\_\_\_ custom; usage
11. \_\_\_\_\_ the murdering of one's father, mother, or other near relative
12. \_\_\_\_\_ a sequence of words spoken as a prayer or a magic formula
13. \_\_\_\_\_ a despicable coward; a wretch
14. \_\_\_\_\_ extremely loud
15. \_\_\_\_\_ having a secret meaning; Jewish oral tradition
16. \_\_\_\_\_ a high-ranking member of the clergy, especially a bishop
17. \_\_\_\_\_ a secret or confidential meeting
18. \_\_\_\_\_ a noisy quarrel or conflict
19. \_\_\_\_\_ an impudent, saucy person
20. \_\_\_\_\_ dispirited and depressed; dejected
21. \_\_\_\_\_ grossly wicked or reprehensible; abominable

Ivanhoe (Lessons 20-23)  
Vocabulary Quiz #5

**Instructions:** Match the word with its definition.

A. timorous	B. bandy	C. shoal
D. ciphering	E. compunction	F. homily
G. larder	H. niggard	I. ambushade
J. weasand	K. apparatus	L. neophyte
M. amulet	N. eminence	O. dotard
P. bootless	Q. behoof	R. giddy
S. despotism	T. quaff	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ an object worn as a charm against evil or injury
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a place, such as a pantry or cellar, where food is stored
3. \_\_\_\_\_ without advantage or benefit; useless; futile
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to toss or throw back and forth; to discuss in a casual manner
5. \_\_\_\_\_ rule by a despot; absolute power or authority
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the gullet or throat
7. \_\_\_\_\_ a position of great distinction or superiority; a rise of ground; a hill
8. \_\_\_\_\_ solving problems in arithmetic; calculating; putting in secret writing
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to drink a beverage heartily
10. \_\_\_\_\_ a political organization or an underground political movement
11. \_\_\_\_\_ a strong uneasiness caused by a sense of guilt
12. \_\_\_\_\_ having a reeling sensation; dizzy; frivolous and light-hearted
13. \_\_\_\_\_ an ambush; a sudden attack
14. \_\_\_\_\_ full of apprehensiveness; timid
15. \_\_\_\_\_ a person who is senile
16. \_\_\_\_\_ benefit; advantage
17. \_\_\_\_\_ a tedious moralizing lecture or admonition; a sermon
18. \_\_\_\_\_ a recent convert to a belief; a beginner or novice
19. \_\_\_\_\_ a large group; a crowd; a large school of fish or other marine animals
20. \_\_\_\_\_ stingy; miserly