

December 17, 1903: Erskine Caldwell Born Vocabulary

<u>Word</u>	Part of Speech	<u>Definition</u>
Desperation	Noun	a condition of being without hope
Seared	Verb	Burn or scorch a mark
Grinding	Adjective	oppressive and relentless
Poverty	Noun	the state of not having enough money to take care of basic needs such as food, clothing, and housing
Plight	Noun	a difficult or dangerous situation, especially a sad or desperate predicament
Controversial	Adjective	Causing argument; provoking strong disagreement or disapproval, e.g. in public debate
Bleak	Adjective	Discouraging, without hope or expectation of success or improvement
Unromanticized	Adjective	Not glamorous, based in reality
Indictment	Noun	a statement or indication that something is wrong or somebody is to blame
Stark	Adjective	forbidding in its bareness and lack of any ornament, relieving feature, or pleasant prospect
Gentility	Noun	Refinement, courteous and well-mannered behavior, especially when it suggests an upper-class background
Perpetuating	Verb	to make something continue, usually for a very long time
Stereotypes	Noun	an oversimplified standardized image of a person or group



