

Providence Extension Program
Core A Composition & Literature
***The Endless Steppe* - Worksheet 2**

Name _____

***The Endless Steppe* - Chapters 6- 11**

Record the page number on which this word can be found in the text. Look up the following vocabulary words and record the definition for each as it relates to the book.

Chapter 6

Surreptitiously-

Selenite-

Chapter 8

Incongruously-

Pariah-

Prototype-

Maelstrom-

Chapter 11

Sardonically-

Illiterate-

Dexterously-

Superfluous-

Short Answers - Write a brief answer to each question as you read the novel. All answers must be in complete sentences!

Chapter 6- What people are grateful is often a matter of their perspective on life. What commonplace things do the Siberian exiles give thanks for, and what ordinarily unpleasant things do they wish that they have?

Chapter 7- What two things happen in this chapter that makes Esther begin to enjoy, even love Siberia, even just a little bit.

Chapter 8- Although the person stealing the food is never named, who do readers infer (guess) the thief is? Why do you think the other members of the house let the thieving continue without saying anything?

Chapter 9- What had Esther's father done to make her very proud of him?

Chapter 10- Esther's grandmother said, "Man does not live by bread alone." What other things were important for making life livable in Siberia, especially for Esther?

Chapter 11-What began to transform "Vanya the Bum" into Ivan Petrovich? What began to produce a change in Ivan Petrovich?

Important quotes-

"To some who are homeless, anything—a lean-to, a cave, a doorway—becomes home: what is known is more sheltering, safer, than the unknown."

'I don't want to be me, I want to be them. You don't understand.' Perhaps she didn't. But it must have hurt to contemplate even the possibility that her child might discard her own rich heritage for a toehold in this land of exile, this thoroughly alien land."