

VOCABULARY CONNECTIONS RESOURCES

Important Words to Know and Understand in The Widow's Broom Word List

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The Widow's Broom
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Grade Level: 4 / Guided Reading Level: R

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Cloaked
To cover or hide something

Coiled
Arranged in a series of circles, one above or inside the other

Embers
A piece of wood or coal that is not burning but is still red and hot

Fetch
To go to another place to get something or someone and bring it, him, or her back

Gesturing
A movement of the hands, arms, head, etc. to express an idea or feelings

Innocent
Not having done something wrong

Possessions
Something that you own or have with you at a particular time

Stake
A wooden or metal post that is pointed at one end and pushed into the ground in order to support something, mark a particular place, etc.

Widow
A woman whose husband or wife has died and who has not married again

Youth
The time of life when a person is young, especially the time before a child becomes an adult

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Cloaked is a/an noun verb adverb adjective Definition of Cloaked:	Coiled is a/an noun verb adverb adjective Definition of Coiled:	Embers is a/an noun verb adverb adjective Definition of Embers:
Cloaked looks like this:	Coiled looks like this:	Embers looks like this:
Cloaked reminds me of:	Coiled reminds me of:	Embers reminds me of:
I saw this word in	I saw this word in	I saw this word in

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Word Games
with Words from **The Widow's Broom**

Part 1: Fill in the Blanks
Directions: Use the word bank to help you complete the short story below.

coiled fetch possession stake
embers cloaked youth widow

On a chilly evening, the _____ in her warm shawl, sat by the fire, watching the _____ glow as her cat _____ up at her feet. She smiled, recalling her _____ when she would _____ wild stories of adventure, claiming each one as her own _____. Now, with a wooden _____ in hand, she stirred the fire, wondering what magic the night still held for her.

Part 2: Crossword Puzzle
Directions: Use the clues provided to fill in the crossword puzzle with the vocabulary words.

Across:
1. To get something
5. A word for something you own

Down:
2. Glowing bits of wood in a fire
3. A woman whose husband has died
4. To be covered or hidden

Name: _____

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Word Games and Answer Key

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A new word that I learned in this book is: _____
It means: _____
I saw it in: _____

Name: _____

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Vocabulary Word Extension Activities

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Name: _____

Directions:
Select a word from your reading that is new to you and write it in the box below. Then fill in the blanks to connect the new word to words you already know.

New Word

Visualize
Draw a picture to illustrate the meaning of the word.

Connect to Your Life
When or where have you seen it, heard it, felt it, smelled it, or tasted it?

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