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Period\_\_\_\_\_

English 10

Mrs. Filor

Words from *Out of the Dust*

Directions: Use a dictionary to look up the definitions and parts of speech of the words in bold.

Darn that blue-eyed boy/with his fine face and his/smooth voice,/twice as good/as a **plowboy** has any right to be (11).

**1. plowboy**

definition—

part of speech—

I suspect Mad Dog had come first/to Arley Wanderdale's mind,/but I didn't get too **riled** (11).

**2. rile**

definition—

part of speech—

But after Ma emptied the sack,/setting each packet out on the/**oilcloth**, she counted her change (18-19).

**3. oilcloth**

definition—

part of speech—

...it wasn't until the dust/hissed against the windows,/until it **ratcheted** the roof,/that Daddy woke (32).

**4. ratchet**

definition—

part of speech—

"Plant some other things, then," Ma says./"Try cotton,/**sorghum**" (40).

**5. sorghum**

definition—

part of speech—

Ma is **bittering** (41).

**6. bitter**

definition—

part of speech—

Mr. Tuttle delivered the first load to town/selling it for seventy-three cents a **bushel**" (48).

**7. bushel**

definition—

part of speech—

My father will stay, no matter what,/he's stubborn as sod (75).

8. **sod** (75)

definition—

part of speech—

An iron bed/and some pasteboard boxes. That's all they had (119).

9. **pasteboard**

definition—

part of speech—

He found jugs of finished whiskey,/and barrels and barrels of mash (125).

10. **mash**

definition—

part of speech—

But I do mind his spending time with all those/biddies (139).

11. **biddy**

definition—

part of speech—

...buried in Ma's arms on a knoll overlooking the/banks of the Beaver (186).

12. **knoll**

definition—

part of speech—

A chill shoots up my spine/imagining a dinosaur/slogging out of an Oklahoma sea (187).

13. **slog**

definition—

part of speech—

Doc looks carefully at the mottled skin (209).

14. **mottled**

definition—

part of speech—

...admitting as how there might be something/to this notion of diversification...

15. **diversification**

definition—

part of speech—