*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls Summer Reading Vocabulary

**Chapters I-IV**

1. sanitation (n) the disposal of sewage and solid waste

2. crude (adj) in natural state; lacking finish, tact, or refinement

3. dormant (adj) a sleeplike state or period of inactivity; hibernating

4. quench (v) to satisfy; to put out or extinguish

5. aromatic (adj) having a fragrant or pleasant smell

6. baying (v) a deep prolonged howl

7. mulled (v) to consider carefully; to ponder

8. quavering (v) to quiver, tremble, or shake

9. pangs (n) brief sudden feelings of pain, a twinge

10. flailing (v) to beat or swing vigorously; to thrash about

**Chapters V-VIII**

1. muster (v) to assemble; to gather

2. gawked (v) to stare stupidly; to gape

3. provisions (n) supplies of food or other necessities

4. ventured (v) to take risk; dare

5. commotion (n) a noisy disturbance; turmoil

6. querying (adj) questioning; inquiring

7. hampering (adj) interfering, impeding, hindering

8. wily (adj) crafty and cunning, tricky

9. submerged (adj) under the surface; hidden, covered, or unknown

10. bewildered (adj) very confused, puzzled, perplexed

**Chapters IX-XII**

1. momentum (n) force of speed or movement

2. nonchalantly (adv) indifferently or casually

3. belligerent (adj) warlike; ready to fight, aggressive

4. predicament (n) a difficult or dangerous situation

5. abounded (v) existed in great numbers

6. haunches (n) the hindquarter of an animal; the fleshy part of the hips

7. rile (v) to irritate or anger

8. begrudgingly (adv) reluctantly giving or allowing

9. leered(v) to look at with sideways glance; to look at in a threatening manner

10. maneuver (n) an adroit move; a skillful execution

**Chapters XIII-XVI**

1. clambered (v) to climb with hands and feet; to climb with difficulty

2. nauseating (adj) causing sickness of the stomach

3. protruding (adj) to thrust forward, to jut out

4. mackinaw (n) short coat of thick wool, usually plaid

5. sulked (v) behaved in a silent, ill-humored manner; pouted, moped

6. utter (v) to speak or pronounce

7. droning (n) a dull, low, monotonous sound

8. slough (n) a soft muddy place, a swamp like place

9. faltered (v) hesitated or wavered

10. doused (v) to plunge into water or to splash with water

**Chapters XVII-XX**

1. leeward (adj) to point toward which the wind blows

2. lull (n) a temporary calm or quiet

3. searing (adj) burning or scorching on the surface

4. carcasses (n) the body of an animal

5. haggard (adj) having a gaunt, exhausted appearance

6. petrified (adj) changed to stone; frozen with fear

7. berserk (adj) wild, crazed, deranged

8. lithe (adj) bending easily, flexible, limber

9. disemboweled (v) to slash open the abdomen and remove the entrails

10. scourge (n) a whip or lash, something that administers punishment