

Vocabulary Crossword  
Teacher Instructions  
for  
*Nothing but the Truth*  
by Avi



**Purpose for the Vocabulary Crossword:**

Teaching the vocabulary in the work is important for the students to be able to understand the concepts and ideas that are presented in the situations of the novel, and a crossword puzzle is a great way to be able to practice it.

**When to use the Puzzle:**

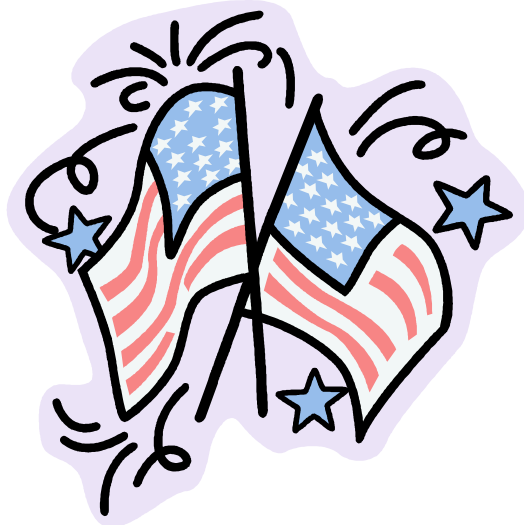
The Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle can be used before even presenting the novel, and should be used before the students get too far into the novel, because most of the words come from early on in the book.

**How to introduce the Crossword:**

-Either give the students the vocab words with the puzzle, or give them the puzzle after they should already know the vocab words.

-Have them fill out the crossword as homework or give it to them in class as an activity.

\*If the students should already know the words, you could give them a list of the words to be able to match up with the definitions in order to complete the crossword.



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Directions: Use the following vocabulary words to fill in the crossword puzzle. Each clue is the definition of one of the words.

**appropriate** / adj. suitable for a particular person or place or condition, etc.

**documentary** / n. A work, such as a film or television program, presenting political, social, or historical subject matter in a factual and informative manner and often consisting of actual news films or interviews accompanied by narration.

**requirement** / n. Something obligatory; a prerequisite; a necessity.

**mock** / v. To treat with ridicule or contempt; deride.

**strive** / v. To exert much effort or energy; endeavor. To struggle or fight forcefully; contend.

**capacity** / n. Ability to perform or produce; capability. The maximum or optimum amount that can be produced; The power to learn or retain knowledge; mental ability; Innate potential for growth, development, or accomplishment; faculty.

**vital** / adj. Of, relating to, or characteristic of life. Necessary to the continuation of life; life-sustaining. Full of life; animated; Imparting life or animation; invigorating; Necessary to continued existence or effectiveness; essential.

**urge** / v. To force or drive forward or onward; impel; To entreat earnestly and often repeatedly; exhort; To advocate earnestly the doing, consideration, or approval of; press for; To stimulate; excite; To move or impel to action, effort, or speed; spur.

**controversy** / n. A dispute, especially a public one, between sides holding opposing views; The act or practice of engaging in such disputes.

**crisis** / n. An emotionally stressful event or traumatic change in a person's life; A crucial or decisive point or situation; a turning point.

**reluctant** / adj. Unwilling; disinclined; Exhibiting or marked by unwillingness; Offering resistance; opposing.

**independence** / n. freedom from control or influence of another or others

**facilitate** / v. To make easy or less difficult; to free from difficulty or impediment; to lessen the labor of.

**disappointment** / n. defeat or failure of expectation or hope; miscarriage of design or plan; frustration.

**inflation** / n. A persistent increase in the level of consumer prices or a persistent decline in the purchasing power of money, caused by an increase in available currency and credit beyond the proportion of available goods and services.

**contemporary** / adj. Current; modern.

**electorate** / n. The whole body of persons in a nation or state who are entitled to vote in an election, or any distinct class or division of them.

**wholehearted** / adj. Marked by unconditional commitment, unstinting devotion, or unreserved enthusiasm.