

Term/Part of Speech	Definition
laud	
clairvoyant	
tangible	
impassive	
indefatigable	
portentously	
penchant	
mince	
palpable	
impetuously	
deferential	
unobtrusive	
punctiliously	

finicking (finicky)	
interpolated	
plaintively	
inveterate	
culpable	
rancor	
idiosyncrasy	
regale	
brusquely	
besetting	
catechize	
Impervious	

Define the terms listed above using Merriam-Webster.com. Make sure you include the part of speech. As a reminder, completing this worksheet and reading the novel is your summer reading assignment. When you return to school, you will have a test on your summer reading and the vocabulary terms. The test will have matching, short-answer, and multiple-choice questions. You will have a second test that is in essay format.

**Thematic Response:** None of the characters are inherently malicious people, but each character responds to difficult situations in a way they might not otherwise. Accordingly, what is Christie's message on human nature? Include textual evidence to support your answer and cite page numbers.