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Context Clues in Tolstoy Answer Key

Sample Chart (Completed)

Word	Context Clue from Sentence	Your Definition	Dictionary Definition
decorous	"most proper"	proper, polite	marked by propriety and good taste
emolument	"post of distinction"	salary, earnings	the returns from office or employment
propriety	"approved customs"	proper behavior	conformity to accepted morals or standards
torpor	"sense of despair"	sluggishness, numbness	a state of mental or physical inactivity
conventionalities	"polite society"	formal customs, manners	social usages or forms

Sample Application

Modern sentence with "torpor": After finals week, the students sank into a torpor that lasted all weekend.