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Riverbank Lexicon

Directions: In *Finn*, Twain (and later adaptations) often use words that are **challenging, period-specific, or regionally rooted**. These words shape the tone, reveal culture, and bring authenticity to the story. Below, you'll find excerpts with one underlined word. Use **context clues** from the sentence to guess the meaning. Write your own **definition in your own words**.

1. Finn stumbled out of the tavern, his clothes ragged and his speech full of **slurred** threats.

Definition: _____

2. The **ferry** creaked under the weight of passengers crossing the wide, restless river.

Definition: _____

3. Huck eyed his father warily, noting the **reek** of liquor that clung to his every movement.

Definition: _____

4. Townsfolk whispered about Finn's **notoriety**, his name tied to gambling debts and violent outbursts.

Definition: _____

5. The cabin stood in **squalor**, windows boarded and floor strewn with discarded bottles.

Definition: _____

6. Huck felt a strange mix of fear and **resignation**, accepting that escape would not come easily.

Definition: _____