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Language of Douglass

Directions: Below are words taken directly from Douglass's narrative. For each, **read the quotation** where the word appears. **Define the word** in your own words, using context clues. Then, **explain the tone** (what feeling or attitude the word conveys in the passage).

1. Commenced

Quotation: "I commenced copying what I wrote."

- Definition: _____
- Tone: _____

2. Wretched

Quotation: "I have often been so wretched as to wish myself dead."

- Definition: _____
- Tone: _____

3. Odious

Quotation: "Mr. Covey was a poor man, an ignorant man; he was, moreover, a profane swearer and a most odious man."

- Definition: _____
- Tone: _____

4. Ineffable

Quotation: "The hearing of those wild notes always depressed my spirit, and filled me with ineffable sadness."

- Definition: _____
- Tone: _____

5. Apostrophe

Quotation: "O, that I were free! O, that I were on one of the free states! O, that I could be free!" (This is an example of apostrophe in rhetoric.)

- Definition: _____
- Tone: _____