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## Vocabulary Time-Travel Answer Key

Word in Bold	Sample Definition
apprentice	A young person learning a trade under a skilled worker
tavern	A public place where people gathered to eat, drink, and talk
stocks	Wooden punishment device that held a person in public shame
wagon	A large cart pulled by animals, used for transporting goods
candles	Wax sticks with wicks used for light before electricity

### Reflection Sample Responses

1. **Easiest word:** Likely *candles*, since modern readers still use or know them.
2. **Most difficult word:** *Stocks*, because it has a very different meaning today; context ("punishment" and "public shame") helps.
3. **Importance:** Historical vocabulary provides insight into daily life, laws, and culture of the time.
4. **Interpretation:** Misunderstanding words could lead us to misjudge how people lived or what events meant. For example, confusing *stocks* with financial shares would distort the text.

### Teacher Note:

This exercise develops vocabulary skills, critical reading, and historical empathy. Students should practice inferring meaning through surrounding clues rather than memorization, which builds transferable reading comprehension strategies.