

Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 184–185 to see how most of these words are used in context.

- The city is hosting a conference to celebrate Mark Twain's (**legacy, feud**) and discuss his landmark novels and witty essays.
- In the period ahead, there may be shortages of some foodstuffs, but we will only make things worse if we resort to (**patronizing, hoarding**).
- Life cannot be all happiness; we must expect tears as well as (**legacies, mirth**).
- The (**clamor, feud**) that the two sides of the family have been waging for years is about whether chili should be made with beans.
- Learning to drive, graduating from high school, and entering college or the job market are all part of a teenager's (**rites, hoards**) of passage.
- We cannot accept the idea that capital and labor must constantly (**feud, coincide**) with each other.
- One reason the coach is so popular is that he is firm and even tough with his players but never acts like a (**bankrupt, despot**).
- I was (**hardy, indisposed**) to accept the halfhearted invitation that reached me only a day before the party.
- During the winter, there are always a few (**hardy, partial**) souls who take a dip in the icy waters off Atlantic Beach.
- No matter how efficient the new chairperson may be, the meeting will not proceed (**authoritatively, harmoniously**) unless the members cooperate.
- The jury was impressed by the fact that the testimony of two witnesses who were complete strangers (**coincided, clamored**) in every detail.
- Although Aunt Helen serves delicious pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving, I must say that I am (**partial, harmonious**) to apple pie.
- A party that cannot offer new ideas to deal with the pressing problems of the day must be considered politically (**legitimate, bankrupt**).
- Why (**haggle, officiate**) over minor details when we are in agreement overall?
- If you're looking for a witty, charming personality to (**officiate, coincide**) at the awards dinner, need I say that I'm available?



Mark Twain's most famous creations are the characters Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.