

The Story of an Eyewitness Vocabulary

1. **conflagration**: a large destructive fire
2. **wrought**: worked; made; created
3. **nabobs**: well-known persons of great wealth
4. **lurid**: very vivid in color, creating an unpleasantly harsh or unnatural effect
5. **colossal**: immense or gigantic
6. **contrivances**: acts or objects of clever planning
7. **flanked**: placed at or approaching from the side of
8. **enumeration**: the act of counting or listing one by one
9. **vestiges**: visible signs of something that once existed
10. **bayonets**: blades that fit on the end of rifle for use in close combat
11. **flotsam**: floating wreckage left by a sunken ship
12. **pall**: a covering that darkens or obscures what is underneath
13. **dun**: dull brownish gray
14. **surmount**: overcome; climb
15. **dear**: treasured; beloved
16. **compelled**: forced; bring about by force
17. **refugee**: a person who flees for safety