# Chapter Vocabulary Born a Crime

#### Chapter 1- "Run"

- **1. Nimble:** Able to move quickly, easily, and lightly; able to learn and understand things quickly and easily.
- **2.** Catharsis: The act or process of releasing a strong emotion (such as pity or fear) especially by expressing it in an art form.
- **3. Slog:** To keep doing something even though it is difficult or boring; to work at something in a steady, determined way.
- **4. Proxy:** A person who is given the power or authority to do something (such as to vote) for someone else.
- 5. Haranguing: A forceful or angry speech
- 6. Viable: Capable of being done or used; capable of living or of developing into a living thing

# Chapter 2- "Born a Crime"

- **1. Compendium:** A collection of things (such as photographs, stories, facts, etc.) that have been gathered together and presented as a group especially in the form of a book
- 2. Expatriate: A person who lives in a foreign country
- **3. Incoherent:** Not able to talk or express yourself in a clear way that can be easily understood. Not logical or well-organized; Not easy to understand
- **4. Prodigal:** Carelessly and foolishly spending money, time, etc. Or, a son/daughter who leaves his or her parents to do things that they do not approve of but then feels sorry and returns home– often used figuratively
- 5. Ramifications: Something that is the result of an action, decision, etc. usually plural.
- 6. Quell: To end or stop something, usually by force.
- 7. Atrocities: Very cruel or terrible acts or actions
- 8. Insurrection: A usually violent attempt to take control of a government

# Chapter 3- "Trevor, Pray"

- 1. Pejoratively: Insulting to someone or something; expressing criticism.
- 2. Staunch: Very devoted or loyal to a person, belief, or cause.
- 3. Boisterous: Very noisy and active in a lively way.
- 4. Eccentric: Acting in strange or unusual ways.
- 5. Pugilistic: Relating to or involving fighting with the fists, especially professional boxing.

#### Chapter 4- "Chameleon"

- **1. Preconceptions:** An idea or opinion that someone has before learning about or experiencing something directly.
- **2. Pandemonium:** A situation in which a crowd of people act in a wild, uncontrolled, or violent way because they are afraid, excited, or confused.
- 3. Anomaly: Something that is unusual or unexpected.

#### Chapter 5- "The Second Girl"



- 1. Dilapidated: In very bad condition because of age or lack of care.
- 2. Ostensibly: Seeming or said to be true or real but very possibly not true or real.
- 3. Furtively: Done in a quiet and secret way to avoid being noticed.

## Chapter 6- "Loopholes" and 7- "Fufi"

- **1. Voracious:** Having or showing a tendency to eat very large amounts of food– often used figuratively.
- 2. Missives: A letter or other written message.
- **3. Bursary:** An amount of money that a student is given to help pay for college or university study; a scholarship or grant.
- 4. Malicious: Having or showing a desire to cause harm to another person

## Chapter 8- "Robert"

- 1. Animosity: A strong feeling of dislike or hatred.
- 2. Dismally: Showing or causing unhappiness or sad feelings; not warm or cheerful.
- 3. Arbitrary: Not planned or chosen for a particular reason; not based on evidence or reason.
- **4.** Lavishly: Giving or using a large amount of something; having a very rich and expensive quality.
- 5. Contentious: Likely to cause people to argue or disagree.

## Chapter 9, 10, 11:

- 1. Ostracism: To exclude (not allow) someone from a group.
- **2. Disavow:** To say that you are not responsible for something; to deny that you know about or involved in something.
- **3.** Affinity: A feeling or closeness and understanding that someone has for another person because of their similar qualities, ideas, or interests.

# Chapter 14- "A Young Man's Long... Part 3"

1. Mogul: A powerful and important person

# Chapter 15- "Go, Hitler!"

- 1. Matriculate: To become a student at a school and especially in a college or university.
- 2. Lithe: Moving in an easy and graceful way.
- 3. Atrocity: A very cruel or terrible act or action
- 4. Meticulous: Very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way.

# Chapter 16- "The Cheese Boys"

- **1. Palatial:** Very large and impressive; like a palace.
- 2. Dissipate: To cause something to spread out and disappear.
- 3. Placid: Not easily upset or excited; calm and steady.
- 4. **Posturing:** Behavior that is intended to impress other people and that is not sincere.
- 5. Desecrated: To damage a holy place or object or to treat a holy place or object with disrespect.
- 6. Berating: To yell at or criticize someone in a loud and angry way.

- 7. Unconscionable: Extremely bad, unfair, or wrong; going far beyond what is proper.
- 8. Ramifications: Something that is the result of an action, decision, etc.
- **9. Euphemism:** A mild or pleasant word or phrase that is used instead of one that is unpleasant or offensive (ie., he passed away).

# Chapter 18- "My Mother's Life"

- 1. Infractions: An act that breaks a rule or law.
- **2. Surrogate:** A person or thing that takes the place or performs the duties of someone or something else.
- **3. Patronizing:** Apparently kind or helpful but betraying a feeling of superiority; showing that you believe you are more intelligent or better than others.
- 4. Condescending: Having or showing a feeling of patronizing superiority.
- 5. Flabbergasted: To be very shocked or surprised.
- 6. Escalate: To become worse or to make something worse or more severe.
- 7. Sporadic: Happening often but not regularly; not constant or steady.
- 8. Retribution: Punishment for doing something wrong.
- 9. Stoic: Showing no emotion especially when something bad is happening.