“THE BLOOD-RED NIGHT”
abandon: to leave forever
brush: small trees and shrubs
charred: burned
flammable: likely to catch fire
inferno: a raging fire or place of intense heat
marsh: an area of wet, low land
parched: very dried out or thirsty
sawmill: a place where people use machines to saw logs into lumber
smolder: to burn and smoke slowly, usually with no flames

THE DAY MRS. PARKS WAS ARRESTED
boycott: a protest in which people refuse to buy or take part in something
civil rights: the individual rights that all members of a society have to freedom and equal treatment under the law
equality: the same rights for everyone
segregation: the act or practice of keeping people or groups apart
unconstitutional: not in keeping with the laws set forth in the Constitution of the United States

“HAMBURGER HISTORY” AND “TACOS TAKE OVER”
concoct: to create something by mixing several different things together; to think up
cumin: a strong-smelling seed that is used as a spice
estasy: a feeling of great happiness; extreme joy
immigrate: to move from one country to another to live
native: having to do with the place where someone was born; your native country is the country where you were born
piquant: stimulating for your taste buds; spicy
reputation: your worth or character, as judged by other people
wholesomeness: healthiness

“LEMONADE: THE MUSICAL”
catapult: a weapon, similar to a large slingshot, used in the past for firing rocks over castle walls
epic: very large or impressive
extravaganza: a spectacular show
glower: to stare angrily at someone
lanky: very tall and thin