**Literary Circle Role 3: Diction Detective**

While reading the assigned section, watch for words worth knowing. These words might be interesting, new, important, or used in unusual ways. It is important to indicate the specific location of the words within the text so the group can discuss these words in context.

*Sample Questions*: (Ask yourself these as you read.)

* *Which words are used frequently?*
* *Which words are used in unusual ways?*
* *What words seem to have special meaning to the characters or author?*
* *What new words did you find in this section?*
* *What part of speech is this word?*
* *What is the denotative (primary) meaning of this word?*
* *What is the connotative (associated or secondary) meaning of this word*

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| Page # | Word or phrase | Reason for selecting word, phrase, or passage  | Why did the author select this word or phrase? What is the author trying to say? How does the diction help the author achieve his or her purpose? |
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