



# Context Clues

**DIRECTIONS:** The passage below is from *The Pickwick Papers* by Charles Dickens. Read the passage. Use context clues to determine the meaning of each bold word.

The first ray of light which **illuminates** the gloom, and converts into a dazzling brilliancy that **obscures** in which the earlier history of the public career of the immortal Pickwick would appear to be involved, is derived from the **perusal** of the following entry in the Transactions of the Pickwick Club, which the editor of these papers feels the highest pleasure in laying before his readers, as a proof of the careful attention, **indefatigable assiduity**, and nice discrimination, with which his search among the **multifarious** documents confided to him has been conducted.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **illuminates** means:      A. darkens      B. brightens
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **obscures** means:      A. being unknown      B. fame
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **perusal** means:      A. ignoring      B. looking
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **indefatigable** means:      A. tireless      B. lazy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **assiduity** means:      A. attention      B. carelessness
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. **multifarious** means:      A. single      B. varied

