

Student Handout 2: Joe Magarac Vocabulary

Boardinghouse (n.)- a private house that provides rooms and meals for paying guests.

Braddock (n.)- The poem read to the class uses the phrase “born out of Braddock.” Braddock is a steel town located near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in Allegheny County.

Congeval (v.)- to change from a fluid to a solid state by or as if by cold

Furnace (n.)- an enclosed space for heating. In the steel mills furnaces were used to heat metal down into liquid so it could then be poured into molds and shaped into different objects.

Girder (n.)- a beam, as of steel, wood, or reinforced concrete, used as a main horizontal support in a building or bridge.

Hunkietown (n.)- Hunkie is a derogatory (negative) expression used to describe Eastern Europeans who immigrated to America in the late 19th and early 20th century. The word “Hunkie” is a shortened version of “Hungary,” the Eastern European country. “Hunkietown” was a name given to the place where many Eastern European immigrants lived.

Ingot molds (n.)- A mold for casting a block of metal in a particular shape for convenient handling.

Ore (n.)- Any natural combination of minerals, especially one from which a metal or metals can be extracted (separated/drawn out) for money.

Soufflé (n.)- a delicate spongy hot dish lightened in baking by stiffly beaten egg whites <cheese soufflé>

*Some definitions were derived from the Merriam-Webster Kids Online Dictionary at <http://www.wordcentral.com/>.