

## Song of Sampo Lake Vocabulary terms with easy student descriptions, and corresponding sentence

Tier One Words:		
Immigrated	To come to a new Country or region and settle there, not being native to that place	My ancestors <b>immigrated</b> to America many years ago.
Mine	An excavation in the earth where you extract or take out minerals like, iron ore, coal, gold etc.	"Matti's shift at the <b>mine</b> the day after Wilho's death left him shaking inside." (Pg. 16)
Miner	A person who works in the mines, often a very dangerous job	"As the <b>miners</b> started down the drift toward their work sites, a mule snorted on the tracks behind them." (Pg. 16)
Fuse	A tube or cord filled or soaked in combustible material (blow up), for lighting an explosive like dynamite	"He picked up the sack of blasting caps and the roll of <b>fuse</b> that he stored away from the dynamite for safety's sake.... I'll trim the <b>fuses</b> while your gone." (Pg. 6)
Stubborn	Unreasonable, hard to deal with and set in their ways	"Timo was tall like Uncle Wilho, and bull-strong and <b>stubborn</b> like Father." (Pg. 12)
Mule/Bray	An animal that is 1/2 donkey 1/2 horse, they're often stubborn and strong work animals; bray is a loud noise they make	"...he heard a <b>mule bray</b> ." (Pg. 6) "...but I could trade a pair of <b>mules</b> and a farm wagon." (Pg. 29)
Loon	A large bird resembling a duck, that lives mainly in water, known for their beautiful call or sound; Minnesota's state bird	"Then a pair of <b>loons</b> started calling to each other across the bay." (Pg. 55)
Root Cellar	Underground pit or cellar dug into the ground, stores vegetables or canned foods to keep cool	"The last two projects that Father and Matti completed before winter were the <b>root cellar</b> .." (Pg. 131)

Tier Two Words:		
<b>Finnish</b>	Population of people from Finland; their language spoken is Finnish; often called Finns	The woman I met at the library today was <b>Finnish!</b>
<b>Sisu</b>	A popular Finnish word that means strength, courage, and stubbornness all wrapped into one	"That's it," Father said. "Show us your <b>sisu</b> ." (Pg. 2) "...the mosquitos and gnats are vicious. " <b>Sisu</b> , Matti," Father said when he.." (Pg. 61)
<b>Kalevala</b>	A very popular well known poem in Finland that gives courage and strength to its people	As the steel rang, Father recited his favorite lines from the <b>Kalevala</b> ." (pg.3)
<b>Tenant Farmer</b>	Someone who lives on, and farms land owned by someone else	"...Father's wages as <b>tenant farmer</b> back in Finland had been low, at least he and Matti." (Pg. 4)
<b>Bowels</b>	The interior depths of the earth	"He rode the mine cage into the <b>bowels</b> of the earth before dawn, and he didn't come up until after sunset." (Pg. 4)
<b>Mine Cage</b>	An elevator or cage, used to take miners up/down into the deep dark mines; usually packed men into them very tight, and they wobbled a lot	"He rode the <b>mine cage</b> into the..." (pg.4)
<b>Iron Ore</b>	Rocks and minerals found in the earth used primarily to make steel, dark colors such as yellow, purple, grey and red are found	"...it seemed as if Matti had barely washed off the red <b>iron (ore)</b> dust from one shift when it was time to go underground again." (pg.12)
<b>Sauna</b>	A small room or house that's filled with hot steam, Made popular by the Finnish, the steam bath is made by pouring water over hot rocks;	"When I get my homestead the first thing I'll build is a <b>sauna</b> , so I can take a proper bath." "Father believed that the heat of a sauna could mend both body and spirit.." (Pg.8)
<b>Homestead</b>	A house, usually a farm house, that's connected with other buildings and land,	"If we can hang on just a little longer, we'll be on our <b>homesteads</b> before you know it." (Pg. 10)

	that's owned by a family to create a home that's all theirs	
Trading Post/Emporium	A store where you can go to trade items; a variety of goods are available to buy and sell	"...sign hanging from the eaves that read WINSTONS TRADING POST AND EMPORIUM." (Pg. 26)
Sampo	The Finnish believe this to be a magical artifact that brought good luck, or equal amounts of gold, grain, and salt; also a lake in Minnesota	"Best of all, it's on the shore of a lake called Sampo. Can you believe it?" (Pg. 34)
Depot (train)	A railroad or bus station; buy tickets for transportation	"The whole family rode to the train depot to say goodbye to Aunt Hilda." (Pg. 35)
Birch Bark	A tree; its bark is water resistant and strong, it can be easily cut, bent, or sewn making it a valuable building, crafting, and writing material	"...with moss covered sheets of birch bark." (Pg. 38) "To pass the time he tried weaving a knapsack from birch bark.." (Pg. 182)
Skid	A plank, log or timber used as a support or as a track for sliding or rolling heavy objects; sliding or slipping over a surface, usually sideways	"We need them to skid our cabin logs." (Pg. 43)
Hauki	Finnish Northern Pike	"...friends caught dozens of hauki.." (Pg. 81)
MidSummers Day	A holiday celebrated by Europeans on June 24th after the longest day (summer solstice), they play games, sing and dance	"MidSummers Day only comes once a year." (Pg. 117)
Tedious	Slow, boring, or dull tasks that can make you tired	"The job was tedious, still Matti was.." (Pg. 131)
Lye	A strong alkaline substance from wood	"You're lucky you don't have to make the lye by hand out of ashes." (pg.130)

	ashes that's used to make soap	
<b>Balsam</b>	A fragrance or smell found in nature	"The scent of <b>balsam</b> tingled in his nostrils." (Pg. 145)
<b>Carding</b>	A process where you break apart and sort fibers such as cotton or wool by smoothing and straightening	" <b>Carding</b> the raw wool into "logs" for Mother's spinning wheel was a never ending job." (Pg. 156)
<b>Larder</b>	A room or place where food is kept, like a pantry	"...chose the same day to stock their <b>larders</b> ." (Pg. 189)
<b>Bough</b>	A tree branch	"...Father hung a birch <b>bough</b> on the.." (Pg. 198)
<b>Gable</b>	The triangular shaped part of the roof on a building	"...on the <b>gable</b> for good luck." (Pg. 198)
<b>Tier Three Words:</b>		
<b>Lapland</b>	A region in Northern Europe	"...gone all the way to <b>Lapland</b> ." (Pg. 17)
<b>Hew</b>	To cut, chop, or hack at something like hay or grass using an ax or cutting tool	"A <b>hewing</b> Ax?" (Pg. 53)
<b>Proverb</b>	A simple saying that's usually well known and repeated, expresses a truth and common experience into a memorable form	"As usual Father answered with a <b>proverb</b> : "Even the greatest king must learn to kneel." (Pg. 127)
<b>Monotony</b>	The same thing over and over, no variety	"Matti's teaching sessions were a welcome break from the <b>monotony</b> ." (pg.182)