

## *The Secret Life of Bees*

### Vocabulary 1

1. **blaspheme**     *v.*     to swear impiously; to insult religion
2. **consternation**     *n.*     a feeling of alarm, confusion, or dismay, often caused by something unexpected
3. **cowlick**     *n.*     a tuft of hair growing in a different direction from the rest of the hair on one's head and usually sticking up
4. **kudzu**     *n.*     a hardy vine that has compound leaves and purplish flowers, and roots that contain a nourishing starch used medicinally. Invasive weed in the South
5. **lattice**     *n.*     an interwoven open mesh frame made by crisscrossing strips of wood, metal, or plastic to form a pattern
6. **oblivious**     *adj.*     unaware of or paying no attention to somebody or something
7. **organdy**     *n.*     a lightweight see-through cotton fabric, often stiffened. Used in dressmaking
8. **parsonage**     *n.*     the house, usually provided by the parish or congregation, where a minister lives
9. **pomade**     *n.*     a perfumed oil or ointment used to make hair look smooth and shiny
10. **ponder**     *v.*     to think about something carefully over a period of time
11. **presumptuous**     *adj.*     inconsiderate, disrespectful, overconfident
12. **sprig**     *n.*     a shoot, stem ,or twig cut or broken from a plant
13. **trough**     *n.*     a long, low narrow open container that holds feed or water for animals