ANTICIPATION GUIDE:

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2. Parallel ____
3. Valiant ____
4. Excerpt ____
5. Shiftless ____

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE:

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ANSWER KEY:

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   Answer: The dictionary definition of a word.

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