

Glossary for *The Hangman*

**Diffident:** hesitant, shy

**Scaffold:** a raised platform

**Capping sill:** an architectural detail around a window or door

**Hemp:** tough, coarse fiber of a plant, used to make rope

**Buckshot:** a large type of lead pellet used for hunting

**Gallows:** a wooden platform usually used to kill a person by hanging

**Pike:** a weapon that has a large point at one end

**Usurer:** a person who loans money at a high interest

**Infidel:** an offensive term for a “nonbeliever” (a person who does not believe in a particular religion)

**Tallied:** counted and recorded

**Supple:** easy to bend and move

**Henchman:** an assistant to an evil person or cause

**Amiably:** pleasantly

**Alien:** a foreigner