Word Hunt:

Read the following text. <u>Highlight or circle</u> the word containing the root (2 pts). In the space provided on the back, tell what you think the underlined word means based on your context clues.

"Pathetic; just sad," The burly man shouted in a gravelly voice as he slapped the young girl. "I gave you one hundred billion dollars to pay for all the scientific things you need for this experiment, but you can't even get the right amount of people?" They were in a small room with no windows and a single light bulb to light it.

"But sir," the scientist started to say. "It is still incredibly difficult to find children. Even if we only used a fraction of the money you gave us, they were the only ones left behind." He motioned to the two boys and one girl that were sitting in chairs with their hands tied behind their backs.

"Just get me more; you of all people should know that they aren't enough to run the tests for our experiment."

"Of course, sir, but,"

"You signed a binding contract when you took my money, so no buts," the man interrupted the scientist.

"Yes, sir, we'll find more right away." He did a quick bow and walked out of the room.

"You better." His voice was barely audible as the man watched the scientist quickly scurry out of the small room with an envelope in his hand.

The scientist hailed a taxi and hopped in. Discreetly he handed the taxi driver the envelope. "Keep this safe, I won't last long. My boss is already suspicious." He stared out the window nonchalantly. "Inside is the photograph of what they are planning to do. The time when it will take place is indefinite, but I do know this; they don't take prisoners. Just lay low for a while before trying to find out anything else and they won't suspect you have information."

Through the mirror he could see that the driver looked nervous. He looked at his watch and pulled out a catalog about geography with the earth's latitude and longitudinal coordinates. The desired location was located on this map. "You can get through this alive if you follow these directions. Here's my stop. Thank you for cooperating, good luck to you."

He got out of the cab and walked into a fancy restaurant. Without expression he headed to a table with special china plates. He waited patiently for his colleague to arrive. They were to make their final arrangements to stop this terrible experiment his boss was planning.

His boss was a criminal and amoral, completely lacking regard for right versus wrong. He was going to stop him. His boss wasn't as dumb as he looked. The only reason his boss needed him and his team of scientists was because of their work in cross species genetics.

Suddenly, a tank crashed through the walls. "New York, you belong to me now." The man the scientist worked for was on every screen in New York, broadcasting his message throughout the state. "I am your new ruler." Most people were staring in shock. "Oh, no!" Instantly, the scientist jumped up and ran like lightning for the door.

"This is going to be harder than I thought."

Definitions: Write the word, the root (2 pts), and the definition for each word using context clues (6 pts). DO NOT USE THE DICTIONARY!

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