Vocabulary in Context—“Gathering of Heroes”

In the vocab section of your RAW book, record what you believe to be the best **definition** of the underlined word from “Gathering of Heroes.” Then, explain the clues you used to figure out the definition and identify the part of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb).

*Example Sentence:* ”A tall slender young man ran from the southwest corner, jumped through the missing passenger window, and commenced a one-handed assault with a glass bottle, his legs dangling outside the cab.”

*Example Answer:* Commenced—began

*Context Clues:* “jumped through the … window…a one-handed assault”

Part of Speech: verb

1. “The windshield on the driver’s side of the brown Ford Bronco **segued** almost invisibly from transparent ocean green to frosty white at the brick’s impact.”

2. “Like a starter’s pistol, the crack of the glass against the driver’s skull launched an **onslaught** of blows from every direction.”

3. “I **careened** wildly about the auditorium—a pitiful, helpless, hurt child…I was hoping desperately that someone…would help me…as I staggered about, bloody and afraid.”

4. “My anger **subsided**, replaced by a sad awareness that the sick and brutal young man might never perceive the spiritual self-destructiveness of his inhumanity.”

5. “Suddenly, I experienced a **buoyant** and peaceful feeling, a mood so confident and gentle that I knew our communion was a celebration of life.”

6 . “After several minutes, a great shout went up from the corner: a black-and-white police cruiser had passed, headed toward the intersection, and the bystanders were **hailing** the officers on our behalf. The squad car backed up, turned, and pulled to a stop in front of us.”