

## Vocabulary Words

### Week 1

<p><b><u>Asperity</u></b> N. Sharpness or harshness of manner.</p>	<p><b><u>Instigate</u></b> V. To stir up or urge on; to provoke.</p>
<p><b><u>Bane</u></b> N. A person or thing that destroys or causes harm.</p>	<p><b><u>Penchant</u></b> N. A strong attraction or leaning.</p>
<p><b><u>Buffoon</u></b> N. A person who often makes attempts to be funny; a clown; a fool.</p>	<p><b><u>Rambunctious</u></b> Adj. Behaving in a wild and unruly manner.</p>
<p><b><u>Doleful</u></b> Adj. Mournful or full of sorrow; causing grief.</p>	<p><b><u>Repertoire</u></b> N. The list of pieces an actor, musician, etc., is ready to perform; the skills or accomplishments of a person or group.</p>
<p><b><u>Extrovert</u></b> N. A person whose attention is focused on others and on what is going on around her or him; rather than on her or his own feelings.</p>	<p><b><u>Rudiment</u></b> N. A basic principle or skill.</p>
<p><b><u>Garish</u></b> Adj. Excessively bright and flashy; tastelessly glaring.</p>	<p><b><u>Undermine</u></b> V. To weaken or ruin by degrees.</p>
<p><b><u>Hierarchy</u></b> N. A group or system in which positions of power are ranked, usually from lowest to highest.</p>	<p><b><u>Unremitting</u></b> Adj. Not stopping or slowing down; constant.</p>
<p><b><u>Imbue</u></b> V. To fill completely with a feeling or idea; to inspire.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 2**

<p><b><u>adjudicate</u></b></p> <p>v. To hear and to decide judicially, to judge n. adjudicator.</p>	<p><b><u>illusory</u></b></p> <p>adj. Unreal or imagined; deceiving.</p>
<p><b><u>centennial</u></b></p> <p>n. A one-hundredth anniversary or its celebration. adj. Of or pertaining to a period of one hundred years.</p>	<p><b><u>implacable</u></b></p> <p>adj. Incapable of being placated, soothed, or significantly changed; relentless.</p>
<p><b><u>countenance</u></b></p> <p>n. A person's face; The expression on a person's face. Support or approval. To support or approve; to tolerate.</p>	<p><b><u>luminary</u></b></p> <p>n. A source of light, especially from the sky, such as the sun or moon. A person who is well known for her or his achievements; a celebrity.</p>
<p><b><u>disgruntle</u></b></p> <p>v. to make dissatisfied; to put in a bad mood.</p>	<p><b><u>manifesto</u></b></p> <p>n. A public statement explaining the intentions, motives, or views of an individual or group.</p>
<p><b><u>equilibrium</u></b></p> <p>n. A state of balance.</p>	<p><b><u>mesmerize</u></b></p> <p>v. To fascinate or hypnotise.</p>
<p><b><u>expedite</u></b></p> <p>v. To speed up the process; to facilitate. adj. expeditious-with great speed; quick and efficient.</p>	<p><b><u>precedent</u></b></p> <p>n. An act or statement that may serve as an example or justification for a later one.</p>
<p><b><u>gird</u></b></p> <p>v. To encircle, bind, or surround To get ready for action; to embrace.</p>	<p><b><u>spurious</u></b></p> <p>adj. Not genuine; false.</p>
<p><b><u>gratuitous</u></b></p> <p>adj. Not called for; unnecessary; without charge; free.</p>	

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### Week 3

<p><b><u>Curtail</u></b></p> <p>v. To cut short or reduce.</p>	<p><b><u>Infamous</u></b></p> <p>adj. 1. Having a very bad reputation; notorious</p> <p>n. an extremely bad reputation, public reproach, or strong condemnation as the result of a shameful, criminal, or outrageous act.</p>
<p><b><u>Discriminate</u></b></p> <p>v. 1. To make or recognize clear distinctions</p> <p>2. To treat in a less or more favorable way</p> <p>n. 1. The recognizing of clear distinctions.</p> <p>2. The act of making a distinction in favor of or against a person or thing you want and what you really need.</p> <p>3. The act of making fine distinctions; good or refined taste</p> <p>n. 1. The recognizing of clear distinctions.</p>	<p><b><u>Intercede</u></b></p> <p>v. To act or plead on another's behalf; to try to smooth the differences between two parties.</p>
<p><b><u>Espionage</u></b></p> <p>n. The act of spying, especially a government spy obtaining secrets of another government.</p>	<p><b><u>Malign</u></b></p> <p>v. To say negative and unfair things about; slander.</p>
<p><b><u>Inalienable</u></b></p> <p>adj. Not able to be taken or given away.</p>	<p><b><u>Perpetrate</u></b></p> <p>v. To commit; as a crime or other antisocial act</p> <p>perpetrator n. one who commits a crime.</p>
<p><b><u>Incarcerate</u></b></p> <p>v. To confine or to put in prison.</p> <p>n. the act of putting someone in prison or of keeping that person in prison.</p>	<p><b><u>Rampant</u></b></p> <p>adj. Threateningly wild, without restraint or control; widespread.</p>
<p><b><u>Indignity</u></b></p> <p>n. An insult to one's pride; offensive or</p>	<p><b><u>Rancor</u></b></p> <p>n. A deep, long-held feeling of hatred or</p>

humiliating treatment.	bitterness.
<p><b><u>Indiscriminate</u></b></p> <p>adj. Not marked by careful distinctions; haphazard.</p>	<p><b><u>Reparation</u></b></p> <p>n. 1. A mending or repair 2. A making up or payment for a wrong or damage done, especially in the case of an international war.</p>
<p><b><u>Smattering</u></b></p> <p>n. 1. Superficial, scattered knowledge 2. a small amount.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 4**

<p><b><u>accolade</u></b> n. An expression of approval or respect for special merit; an award.</p>	<p><b><u>decrepit</u></b> adj. Worn-out with use; broken down.</p>
<p><b><u>adamant</u></b> adj. Not yielding; firm.</p>	<p><b><u>endow</u></b> v. To provide with a quality, a thing, or a gift of money.</p>
<p><b><u>adulate</u></b> v. To flatter or admire excessively; to idolize.</p>	<p><b><u>ephemeral</u></b> adj. Lasting a very short time.</p>
<p><b><u>altercation</u></b> n. A loud and determined dispute; a noisy quarrel.</p>	<p><b><u>ingratiate</u></b> v. To work to gain the favor of someone.</p>
<p><b><u>annals</u></b> n. pl. A historical record of events, often arranged in a yearly sequence.</p>	<p><b><u>pantheon</u></b> n. A group of people held in high esteem for their great achievements.</p>
<p><b><u>assiduous</u></b> adj. Diligent and persistent.</p>	<p><b><u>perverse</u></b> adj. 1. Turned away from what is right; wicked. 2. Stubbornly opposing what is right or reasonable; obstinate.</p>
<p><b><u>chary</u></b> adj. Exercising caution; hesitant.</p>	<p><b><u>tutelage</u></b> n. Instruction, protection, or guardianship.</p>
<p><b><u>clique</u></b> n. A small, exclusive group.</p>	

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**Week 5**

<p><b><u>acrimony</u></b> n. Bitterness or sharpness of temper, manner, or speech; hostility.</p>	<p><b><u>illicit</u></b> adj. Not allowed, improper, or unlawful.</p>
<p><b><u>affinity</u></b> n. A natural attraction or feeling of kinship.</p>	<p><b><u>indigenous</u></b> adj. Naturally living or growing in a certain area; native.</p>
<p><b><u>ambivalent</u></b> adj. Having mixed, often opposing, feelings about something or someone; indecisive.</p>	<p><b><u>inexorable</u></b> adj. Not to be persuaded, stopped, or moved by entreaty or plea; relentless.</p>
<p><b><u>cessation</u></b> n. A stopping, either final or temporary.</p>	<p><b><u>infatuated</u></b> adj. Filled with excessive, shallow, or foolish love or desire.</p>
<p><b><u>emaciated</u></b> adj. Very thin or wasted away, especially from lack of nourishment; scrawny.</p>	<p><b><u>insatiable</u></b> adj. Never satisfied; greedy.</p>
<p><b><u>enclave</u></b> n. A distinct region or community enclosed within a larger territory.</p>	<p><b><u>poignant</u></b> adj. Painfully moving, affecting, or touching.</p>
<p><b><u>engender</u></b> v. To bring into being, to produce.</p>	<p><b><u>proselytize</u></b> v. To convert someone to a faith, belief, or cause.</p>
<p><b><u>exacerbate</u></b> v. To make more severe, bitter, or violent.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 6**

<p><b><u>Ameliorate</u></b></p> <p>V. To make better; to become; to improve.</p>	<p><b><u>Expendable</u></b></p> <p>Adj. Able to be used up and then discarded or replaced.</p>
<p><b><u>Baleful</u></b></p> <p>Adj. Expressing hatred or evil; harmful, ominous.</p>	<p><b><u>Heresy</u></b></p> <p>N. The expression of unacceptable views, especially those that are in conflict with established religious teaching.</p>
<p><b><u>Berate</u></b></p> <p>V. To criticize vigorously; to scold vehemently.</p>	<p><b><u>Infirmity</u></b></p> <p><b>N. Physical or mental weakness or defect.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Circumvent</u></b></p> <p>V. To avoid through craftiness.</p>	<p><b><u>Profane</u></b></p> <p>V. To treat with scorn or irreverence.</p>
<p><b><u>Compunction</u></b></p> <p>N. A feeling of uneasiness or anxiety caused by guilt.</p>	<p><b><u>Recompense</u></b></p> <p>V. To pay or compensate.</p>
<p><b><u>Condone</u></b></p> <p>V. To overlook or accept without punishment; to pardon or excuse.</p>	<p><b><u>Repast</u></b></p> <p>N. Food and drink; a meal.</p>
<p><b><u>Diminutive</u></b></p> <p>Adj. Very small; tiny.</p>	<p><b><u>Servitude</u></b></p> <p>N. A lack of freedom; forced labor.</p>
<p><b><u>Euphemism</u></b></p> <p>N. A polite term used to avoid directly naming something considered unpleasant.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 7**

<p><b><u>castigate</u></b> v. To punish by criticizing sharply; to berate.</p>	<p><b><u>omnivorous</u></b> adj. 1. Eating all kinds of food, including both animal and vegetable food. 2. Taking in everything available.</p>
<p><b><u>colloquial</u></b> adj. Characterized by informal language.</p>	<p><b><u>permeate</u></b> v. To spread throughout; to pass through.</p>
<p><b><u>epitaph</u></b> n. The words carved on a tombstone in memory of the deceased.</p>	<p><b><u>rendition</u></b> n. An interpretation or translation; a performance.</p>
<p><b><u>exodus</u></b> n. A mass departure.</p>	<p><b><u>resurgence</u></b> n. A rising again to life, use, acceptance, or prominence; a revival.</p>
<p><b><u>inter</u></b> v. To put in a grave; to bury.</p>	<p><b><u>stereotype</u></b> n. A generalization that is used to characterize a person without acknowledging individual differences.</p>
<p><b><u>lacerate</u></b> v. To tear or cut roughly.</p>	<p><b><u>stipend</u></b> n. A regular and fixed amount of pay for work done or to help cover living or work expenses.</p>
<p><b><u>largesse</u></b> n. The act of giving generously; gifts.</p>	<p><b><u>subservient</u></b> adj. Serving or action in a subordinate manner; servile.</p>
<p><b><u>obituary</u></b> n. A notice of someone's death, such as in a newspaper, usually with a brief summary of that person's life.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 8**



<p><b><u>Adjacent</u></b> adj. Near or next to: adjoining.</p>	<p><b><u>Magnitude</u></b> n. Greatness of size, power, or influence.</p>
<p><b><u>Beset</u></b> v. 1. To surround or to attack repeatedly 2. To trouble or weigh down.</p>	<p><b><u>Materialize</u></b> v. 1. To be come real or actual 2. To appear in physical form, especially suddenly.</p>
<p><b><u>Cede</u></b> v. To give up or transfer, especially by treaty or formal agreement.</p>	<p><b><u>Muster</u></b> n. A gathering, usually of military forces v. To summon or call forth; to gather.</p>
<p><b><u>Circuitous</u></b> adj. Roudabout, indirect.</p>	<p><b><u>Prohibitive</u></b> adj. Serving to restrain action or discourage use of.</p>
<p><b><u>Desultory</u></b> adj. Proceeding or carried out in an aimless or random way.</p>	<p><b><u>Reminisce</u></b> v. To think or talk about one's past. n. The act of remembering, a recollection. adj. Suggestive of something else.</p>
<p><b><u>Galvanize</u></b> v. To excite or arouse action.</p>	<p><b><u>Vanguard</u></b> n. The leading or forward position in a movement.</p>
<p><b><u>Implement</u></b> n. A tool or instrument v. To carry out.</p>	<p><b><u>Visionary</u></b> n. A person who is given to ideas that are not currently realistic; a dreamer. adj. Able to see what might be accomplished in the future.</p>
<p><b><u>Inconsequential</u></b> adj. Lacking importance or worth; unable to make an impact; trivial.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 9**

<p><b><u>cautionary</u></b> (adj) Offering or serving as a warning.</p>	<p><b><u>misnomer</u></b> (n) A name that doesn't fit.</p>
<p><b><u>constrain</u></b> (v) To confine, inhibit, or hold back by force or necessity. (n) Constraint: A restriction or limitation.</p>	<p><b><u>onerous</u></b> (adj) Burdensome; oppressive.</p>
<p><b><u>flotilla</u></b> (n) A fleet of small boats or ships.</p>	<p><b><u>pandemonium</u></b> (n) A state or place of great confusion or uproar.</p>
<p><b><u>gossamer</u></b> 1.(n) Thin, sheer fabric resembling gauze. 2.(n) A fine, filmy substance made of strands of cobweb. 3. (adj) As light and delicate as a cobweb.</p>	<p><b><u>quixotic</u></b> (adj) Romantic and idealistic, but impractical.</p>
<p><b><u>ignominious</u></b> (adj) Marked by, deserving, or causing shame or disgrace.</p>	<p><b><u>tenacious</u></b> (adj) Holding fast; persistent in adhering to something valued or habitual. (n) Tenacity: persistence.</p>
<p><b><u>incur</u></b> (v) To bring upon oneself something undesirable, such as a debt.</p>	<p><b><u>vestige</u></b> (n) A trace of something that was once there.</p>
<p><b><u>liquidate</u></b> 1. (v) To settle the affairs of a business; to convert into cash. 2. (v) To get rid of; to kill or destroy.</p>	<p><b><u>zephyr</u></b> (n) A light, gentle breeze.</p>
<p><b><u>magnate</u></b> (n) An important, often wealthy, person prominent in a large industry or business.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 10**

<p><b><u>attest</u></b></p> <p>v. To declare or to be evidence of something as true, genuine, or accurate.</p>	<p><b><u>esoteric</u></b></p> <p>adj. Not usually known or understood; familiar to only a small number of people.</p>
<p><b><u>axiom</u></b></p> <p>n. A statement or principle that requires no proof because its truth is obvious.</p>	<p><b><u>olfactory</u></b></p> <p>adj. Pertaining to the sense of smell.</p>
<p><b><u>churlish</u></b></p> <p>adj. Lacking good manners; rude; impolite.</p>	<p><b><u>plethora</u></b></p> <p>n. Too large an amount; an excess.</p>
<p><b><u>concoct</u></b></p> <p>v. To make up, prepare or invent.</p>	<p><b><u>refurbish</u></b></p> <p>v. To make like new; to renovate.</p>
<p><b><u>derivative</u></b></p> <p>n. Something that grows out of or results from an earlier form or condition. adj. Based on what has gone before; lacking originality.</p>	<p><b><u>secrete</u></b></p> <p>1) v. To produce and give off. 2) v. To place so as to be hidden from view; conceal.</p>
<p><b><u>differentiate</u></b></p> <p>1) v. To see the difference; to distinguish. 2) v. To be or make different.</p>	<p><b><u>vagary</u></b></p> <p>n. A departure from the normal, expected course; a whim or unpredictable action.</p>
<p><b><u>disparage</u></b></p> <p>v. To criticize in a negative, disrespectful manner.</p>	<p><b><u>volatile</u></b></p> <p>1) adj. Evaporating quickly. 2) adj. Changing readily; explosive; unpredictable.</p>
<p><b><u>dissipate</u></b></p> <p>1) v. To break up and spread out so thinly as to disappear; to scatter or be scattered. 2) v. To spend or use foolishly.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 11**

<p><b><u>agrarian</u></b> adj. Having to do with farming or agriculture.</p>	<p><b><u>manifold</u></b> adj. Having many different kinds, forms or parts.</p>
<p><b><u>burgeon</u></b> v. To grow and expand rapidly; to flourish.</p>	<p><b><u>palatable</u></b> adj. Acceptable or pleasing, especially to the sense of taste.</p>
<p><b><u>cataclysm</u></b> n. A sudden and violent change; a catastrophe. adj. Cataclysmic.</p>	<p><b><u>panacea</u></b> n. A cure-all.</p>
<p><b><u>culinary</u></b> adj. Having to do with cooking.</p>	<p><b><u>plebian</u></b> adj. Of or pertaining to the common people; common; unrefined.</p>
<p><b><u>denigrate</u></b> v. To attack the reputation of; to criticize in a derogatory manner.</p>	<p><b><u>scourge</u></b> n. Something that causes great pain and suffering; a social evil. v. To punish severely, especially by beating; to devastate.</p>
<p><b><u>gourmet</u></b> n. A person who likes fine food and is a good judge of its quality; adj. Describing fine food.</p>	<p><b><u>stalemate</u></b> n. A halt in a struggle because both sides are equally strong and and neither side will give in; a deadlock.</p>
<p><b><u>grandiloquent</u></b> adj. Using lofty or pompous speech or expression. n. Grandiloquence.</p>	<p><b><u>temperate</u></b> adj. mild, moderate; restrained.</p>
<p><b><u>hybrid</u></b> n. The offspring of two animals or plants of different species or varieties; anything that is of mixed origin.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 12**

<p><b><u>aftermath</u></b>  n. A consequence or result, often a negative one.</p>	<p><b><u>innocuous</u></b>  adj. Harmless; unlikely to offend.</p>
<p><b><u>aphorism</u></b>  n. A short statement of truth or principle; a wise saying.</p>	<p><b><u>necessitate</u></b>  v. To require; to make necessary.</p>
<p><b><u>catharsis</u></b>  n. A releasing of the emotions, often through the arts, that brings about spiritual renewal or a relieving of tension.  adj. Cathartic.</p>	<p><b><u>odyssey</u></b>  n. 1. A long, adventurous journey.  2. An intellectual or spiritual quest.</p>
<p><b><u>cohort</u></b>  n. 1. A group that is moving or working together.  2. One who assists another, especially in a dubious or criminal activity; an accomplice.</p>	<p><b><u>partisan</u></b>  n. 1. A strong supporter or advocate.  2. An armed fighter opposed to an occupying army.  adj. Strongly biased in favor of a particular party, cause, or position.</p>
<p><b><u>culpable</u></b>  adj. Deserving blame or censure.  n. Culpability.</p>	<p><b><u>posterity</u></b>  n. A person's descendants; future generations.</p>
<p><b><u>diabolical</u></b>  adj. Devilish; wicked or evil.</p>	<p><b><u>premeditated</u></b>  adj. Fully planned beforehand; deliberate.</p>
<p><b><u>enormity</u></b>  n. 1. The state or quality of being monstrous or outrageous.  2. The state or quality of being huge, immense.</p>	<p><b><u>scurrilous</u></b>  adj. Vulgar; coarsely abusive.</p>
<p><b><u>gibe</u></b>  v. To utter taunting, sarcastic words.  n. A taunting, scornful remark.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 13**

<p><b><u>adjunct</u></b>  n. Something or someone joined or added to something else but not essentially a part of it.</p>	<p><b><u>insurrection</u></b>  n. An open revolt against legal authority; a rebellion.</p>
<p><b><u>belie</u></b>  v. To give a false impression of; to contradict.</p>	<p><b><u>mandatory</u></b>  adj. Ordered by an authority; required.</p>
<p><b><u>carnage</u></b>  n. great destruction of life; slaughter.</p>	<p><b><u>mitigate</u></b>  v. To make or become less serious or severe; to ameliorate.</p>
<p><b><u>dilemma</u></b>  n. A problem that seems to have no satisfactory solution; a difficult choice.</p>	<p><b><u>pretext</u></b>  n. An effort to conceal the real intention or state of affairs; an excuse.</p>
<p><b><u>diverse</u></b>  adj. Differing from one another; having various or distinct parts.</p>	<p><b><u>singular</u></b>  adj. 1. Denoting a single person or thing, contrasted to more than one. 2. Extraordinary; exceptional. 3. Strange or unusual.</p>
<p><b><u>eradicate</u></b>  v. To get rid of; to uproot.</p>	<p><b><u>somnolent</u></b>  adj. 1. Tending to cause sleepiness. 2. Drowsy.</p>
<p><b><u>flout</u></b>  v. To ignore in a disrespectful or scornful way.</p>	<p><b><u>stalwart</u></b>  adj. 1. Strong; sturdy. 2. Firm; resolute.</p>
<p><b><u>foment</u></b>  v. to stir up, to rouse; to instigate.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 14**

<p><b><u>aberration</u></b>  n. 1. A departure from the norm or what is considered right, natural, or normal; a flaw or defect. 2. The failure of a mirror or lens to reproduce an image in focus.</p>	<p><b><u>juxtapose</u></b>  v. To place side by side.</p>
<p><b><u>antiquated</u></b>  adj. Grown old; out of date.</p>	<p><b><u>maelstrom</u></b>  n. 1. A large and violent whirlpool or something resembling whirlpool. 2. A place or state of great turmoil or confusion.</p>
<p><b><u>celestial</u></b>  adj. 1. Of or relating to the skies or heavens. 2. Heavenly, divine; of the finest or highest kind.</p>	<p><b><u>optimum</u></b>  adj. Best or most favorable.</p>
<p><b><u>certitude</u></b>  n. The state of being certain of the truth or rightness of something.</p>	<p><b><u>pillory</u></b>  v. To expose to public scorn or contempt.</p>
<p><b><u>disburse</u></b>  v. To distribute or pay out money, especially from a public or other fund.</p>	<p><b><u>proliferate</u></b>  v. To grow, expand, or multiply at a rapid rate.</p>
<p><b><u>galaxy</u></b>  n. 1. A vast cluster of stars and other matter, billions of which make up the known universe. 2. A group of brilliant or notable people or things.</p>	<p><b><u>remiss</u></b>  adj. Negligent; careless; lax.</p>
<p><b><u>intractable</u></b>  adj. Hard to manage, tame, or control; stubborn; not easily cured.</p>	<p><b><u>titanic</u></b>  adj. Marked by great strength, size, or influence.</p>
<p><b><u>junction</u></b>  n. 1. A joining or coming together; the place</p>	

where such a connection occurs. 2. A point in time made critical by the timing of the circumstances.	
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## Vocabulary Words

### Week 15

<b><u>abominate</u></b> v. To hate or loathe intensely. 2. Disagreeable and unpleasant.	<b><u>inure</u></b> v. to adjust to and accept unpleasant or undesirable conditions.
<b><u>abridge</u></b> v. To shorten in duration or extent; to diminish.	<b><u>inveigh</u></b> v. (used with against) To complain or protest strongly.
<b><u>animosity</u></b> n. Intense ill will.	<b><u>predecessor</u></b> n. A person or thing that has held a position or office before another.
<b><u>auspicious</u></b> adj. Favorable, promising.	<b><u>sabotage</u></b> n. Acts that intentionally damage, hinder, or seek to discredit. v. To engage in intentionally damaging acts.
<b><u>beleaguer</u></b> v. 1. To besiege; to surround with an army. 2. To surround with troubles; to harass.	<b><u>sadistic</u></b> adj. Taking pleasure in causing pain.
<b><u>confidant</u></b> n. A person to whom secrets are told.	<b><u>scathing</u></b> adj. Harshly critical.
<b><u>constituent</u></b> n. 1. One of the parts that make up a whole. 2. A voter represented by a particular official.	<b><u>transpire</u></b> v. 1. To become apparent; to come to light. 2. To happen or occur.
<b><u>iniquitous</u></b> adj. Unjust; wicked.	



**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 16**

<p><b><u>aura</u></b> n. A distinctive atmosphere or feeling that seems to surround someone or something; a distinctive appearance or impression.</p>	<p><b><u>induce</u></b> v. 1. To influence or persuade. 2. To bring about; to cause.</p>
<p><b><u>banal</u></b> adj. Lacking freshness; trite.</p>	<p><b><u>intransigent</u></b> adj. Refusing to compromise or change one's position on an issue.</p>
<p><b><u>bemuse</u></b> v. To confuse or bewilder.</p>	<p><b><u>laudatory</u></b> adj. Full of praise.</p>
<p><b><u>cognizant</u></b> adj. Fully aware; taking notice.</p>	<p><b><u>panache</u></b> n. Dash or flamboyance in style or action.</p>
<p><b><u>conundrum</u></b> n. 1. A riddle whose answer is a play on words. 2. A puzzle or problem that is difficult or impossible to solve.</p>	<p><b><u>picayune</u></b> adj. Petty or insignificant; concerned with trifling matters.</p>
<p><b><u>evanescent</u></b> adj. Short-lived; staying temporarily.</p>	<p><b><u>predilection</u></b> n. An inclination; preference.</p>
<p><b><u>factotum</u></b> n. A helper or assistant with a wide range of duties and responsibilities.</p>	<p><b><u>promontory</u></b> n. A high point of land that juts out into water.</p>
<p><b><u>grandiose</u></b> adj. 1. Impressive because of large size or scope. 2. characterized by the pretense of</p>	

grandeur or absurd exaggeration.	
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**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 17**

<p><b><u>aggregate</u></b> n. A group of things gathered in to a whole; sum total. adj. Calculated by combining units or items.</p>	<p><b><u>homily</u></b> n. A lecture, usually long, on how to behave morally.</p>
<p><b><u>allocate</u></b> v. 1. To set aside for a specific purpose; to allot. 2. To distribute according to a plan.</p>	<p><b><u>hyperbole</u></b> n. Extravagant exaggeration.</p>
<p><b><u>augur</u></b> v. 1. To predict future events, especially from omens. 2. To give promise of.</p>	<p><b><u>importune</u></b> v. To plead for persistently.</p>
<p><b><u>bastion</u></b> n. 1. A fortified area or position; a person, place, or thing that is a source of strength. 2. Something that is considered a stronghold.</p>	<p><b><u>jurisdiction</u></b> n. Legal authority to govern or control.</p>
<p><b><u>decorum</u></b> n. Suitable, proper behavior or speech.</p>	<p><b><u>ruminare</u></b> v. To think over again and again to ponder.</p>
<p><b><u>defunct</u></b> adj. No longer existing or functioning.</p>	<p><b><u>temerity</u></b> n. Reckless boldness without regard to danger or opposition.</p>

<p><b><u>disarray</u></b> n. A lack of order; confusion.</p>	<p><b><u>winnow</u></b> v. To separate and remove what is undesirable and leave what is desirable; to blow away the chaff from grain.</p>
<p><b><u>halcyon</u></b> adj. Calm, peaceful, and happy; prosperous.</p>	

**Vocabulary Words**  
**Week 18**

<p><b><u>acoustic</u></b> adj. Relating to sound or hearing. n. The properties of an enclosed space that affect sound quality.</p>	<p><b><u>ineffable</u></b> adj. Incapable or being expressed in words.</p>
<p><b><u>assemblage</u></b> n. 1. A collection or gathering of people or things. 2. A fitting together of parts.</p>	<p><b><u>mellifluous</u></b> adj. Sweetly flowing; pleasant to the ear.</p>
<p><b><u>august</u></b> adj. Inspiring great respect or admiration; noble.</p>	<p><b><u>mien</u></b> n. A person in charge of an exhibition; an overseer of a museum or library collection.</p>
<p><b><u>auspices</u></b> n. Protection, support, or guidance; patronage.</p>	<p><b><u>nonpareil</u></b> n. A person or thing without an equal. adj. Having no equal; superb.</p>
<p><b><u>cavil</u></b> v. To criticize unimportant things; to quibble. n. A minor criticism.</p>	<p><b><u>patina</u></b> n. 1. A green film that forms on copper exposed to the elements. 2. A beautiful surface finish, the result of age and proper care.</p>
<p><b><u>curator</u></b> n. A person in charge of an exhibition; an</p>	<p><b><u>rapt</u></b> adj. 1. Fully absorbed; engrossed.</p>

overseer of a museum or library collection.	2. Filled with deep pleasure; enraptured.
<b>extant</b> adj. Still existing; not lost or destroyed.	<b>resuscitate</b> v. To revive from unconsciousness or apparent death; to revive or restore to health or vigor.
<b>gamut</b> n. The entire range of something.	