

11th grade Vocabulary Words
Week 1

<p><u>apocryphal</u> adj. Of dubious authenticity or origin; spurious.</p>	<p><u>levity</u> n. Excessive frivolity; a lack of seriousness; joking.</p>
<p><u>arcane</u> adj. Understood by only a few; mysterious.</p>	<p><u>mortify</u> v. to embarrass or humiliate.</p>
<p><u>convene</u> v. 1. to summon or cause to assemble. 2. To gather or assemble; to meet formally.</p>	<p><u>periphery</u> n. The area around the edges; the outermost part. adj. Relating to, involving, or forming an outer edge or boundary.</p>
<p><u>expedient</u> adj. 1. Useful for some purpose; convenient. 2. concerned primarily or exclusively with serving one's own interests. n. A means employed to bring about a certain result.</p>	<p><u>raconteur</u> n. One who tells stories with skill and wit.</p>
<p><u>exude</u> v. 1. To flow out slowly; to ooze or emit. 2. to give forth; to exhibit in abundance.</p>	<p><u>reiterate</u> v. To say or do over again; to repeat.</p>
<p><u>gesticulate</u> v. to motion energetically with the body or limbs.</p>	<p><u>subterfuge</u> n. A deceptive scheme or strategy.</p>
<p><u>imperturbable</u> adj. Calm and assured.</p>	<p><u>vacillate</u> v. 1. To move back and forth from lack of balance; waver. 2. To alternate indecisively between opinions or courses of action.</p>
<p><u>increment</u> n. An increase, addition or gain, often by regular, consecutive amounts.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 2

<p><u>accoutrements</u> n. pl. Equipment or accessories.</p>	<p><u>modicum</u> n. A small amount.</p>
<p><u>aggrieved</u> adj.. Feeling or expressing a sense of injustice, injury, or offense.</p>	<p><u>opulent</u> adj. Having or exhibiting great wealth or abundance. n. Opulence</p>
<p><u>choleric</u> adj. Easily angered; quick-tempered.</p>	<p><u>patrician</u> n. A member of the nobility. adj. Of noble birth; showing refinement of taste or manners.</p>
<p><u>comport</u> v. 1. To behave or conduct oneself. 2. To be in accord or agreement. Used with 'with'.</p>	<p><u>phlegmatic</u> adj. Not given to action or reaction; sluggish or calm in temperament.</p>
<p><u>disconcert</u> v. To disrupt the self-possession or confidence of; to perturb or fluster. adj. Disconcerting</p>	<p><u>propensity</u> n. A natural inclination or tendency.</p>
<p><u>fauna</u> n. Animals of a region or period, considered as a whole.</p>	<p><u>therapeutic</u> adj. Relating to the treatment of a disease; contributing to general well-being.</p>
<p><u>interpose</u> v. To place or come between; to intervene or interrupt.</p>	<p><u>utilitarian</u> adj. Relating to usefulness rather than beauty; practical.</p>
<p><u>maraud</u> v. To roam in search of plunder. n. marauder.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 3

<p><u>atrophy</u> v. To waste away or fail to develop.</p>	<p><u>martinet</u> n. A strict disciplinarian.</p>
<p><u>efficacy</u> n. The power to bring about the desired result; effectiveness.</p>	<p><u>prodigious</u> adj. 1. Extremely large in bulk, quantity, or degree. 2. Causing amazement or wonder.</p>
<p><u>emolument</u> n. Salary or fees for work done; compensation.</p>	<p><u>regimen</u> n. A regulated program, especially one designed to improve or maintain health.</p>
<p><u>icon</u> n. 1. A religious painting, especially one reserved by the Eastern Christian churches. 2. A symbol or image whose form suggests its meaning. 3. One who is idolized.</p>	<p><u>stellar</u> adj. 1. Of or related to a star. 2. Outstanding or brilliant.</p>
<p><u>incipient</u> adj. Beginning to exist or appear; in the first stage.</p>	<p><u>stoic</u> n. One seemingly indifferent to pleasure or pain.</p>
<p><u>inculcate</u> v. To impress upon or teach by frequent repetition.</p>	<p><u>vibrant</u> adj. 1. Full of life or vigor. 2. Bright or vivid. 3. Quivering or vibrating.</p>
<p><u>inestimable</u> adj. Too valuable or great to be measured.</p>	<p><u>zealous</u> adj. Very enthusiastic; fervent; passionate on behalf of someone or something.</p>
<p><u>lackluster</u> adj. Lacking brightness or vitality; without spirit or enthusiasm.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 4

<p><u>autonomy</u> n. The quality or state of being self-governing; independence. adj. Autonomous</p>	<p><u>incognito</u> adj. or adv. With one's identity concealed; unrecognized.</p>
<p><u>circumspect</u> adj. Cautious and prudent; heedful of consequences.</p>	<p><u>indoctrinate</u> v. 1. To teach or train in the fundamentals. 2. To instill or teach from a partisan point of view. n. Indoctrination</p>
<p><u>composure</u> n. Calmness of mind or bearing; self-control.</p>	<p><u>interim</u> n. An interval of time between events. adj. Belonging to or taking place between events; temporary.</p>
<p><u>edifice</u> n. 1. A large imposing structure or building. 2. A complex structure or system built up over time, as if it were a real building.</p>	<p><u>mausoleum</u> n. A large and impressive tomb.</p>
<p><u>ensconce</u> v. To settle or place securely or snugly.</p>	<p><u>pillage</u> v. To rob and plunder.</p>
<p><u>environs</u> n. The area adjoining or surrounding a place.</p>	<p><u>reverie</u> n. 1. The condition of being lost in thought. 2. A daydream.</p>
<p><u>hapless</u> adj. Marked by the absence of good luck; unfortunate.</p>	<p><u>thrall</u> n. A loss of one's ability to act freely; a state over which one appears to have control. thralldom n. Slavery or bondage.</p>
<p><u>heinous</u> adj. Shockingly evil or wicked.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 5

<p><u>abstruse</u> adj. difficult to understand.</p>	<p><u>penitent</u> adj. sorry for having done wrong.</p>
<p><u>accrue</u> v. 1. to arise or increase as a natural result or growth, usually used with “to” or “from” 2. to come as a regular addition.</p>	<p><u>probity</u> n. honesty; trustworthiness; adherence to virtue.</p>
<p><u>acquiesce</u> v. to accept as inevitable; to comply passively.</p>	<p><u>purport</u> v. to give or present the often false impression of being someone or intending something.</p>
<p><u>besmirch</u> v. to stain or tarnish; to make dirty.</p>	<p><u>repercussion</u> n. an unforeseen or indirect result or effect of an event.</p>
<p><u>explicit</u> adj. fully and clearly expressed, leaving nothing merely implied.</p>	<p><u>revelation</u> n. something that is made known or revealed, often coming as a surprise.</p>
<p><u>histrionic</u> adj. purposely affected; theatrical. n. pl. exaggerated displays of emotion, intended to produce an effect or response.</p>	<p><u>surfeit</u> n. an overabundant supply; an excess.</p>
<p><u>impropriety</u> n. 1. the quality or state of being improper or unsuitable. 2. something that is improper.</p>	<p><u>unsavory</u> adj. 1. having an unpleasant look, taste, or smell. 2. morally offensive.</p>
<p><u>inveigle</u> v. 1. to lure or trick into doing something. 2. to obtain by flattery or trickery.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 6

<p><u>anathema</u></p> <p>n. Someone or something that is intensely disliked, cursed, or shunned.</p>	<p><u>inveterate</u></p> <p>adj. 1. Habitual or deeply rooted 2. Persistent.</p>
<p><u>assuage</u></p> <p>v. 1. To satisfy. 2. To lessen or reduce the intensity of.</p>	<p><u>mogul</u></p> <p>n. A very powerful or wealthy person; a magnate.</p>
<p><u>avuncular</u></p> <p>adj. 1. Like a benevolent uncle 2. familiar and indulgent.</p>	<p><u>munificent</u></p> <p>adj. Extremely generous; liberal in giving.</p>
<p><u>convivial</u></p> <p>adj. Sociable; concerned with good company and festivities.</p>	<p><u>nascent</u></p> <p>adj. Beginning to exist; emerging.</p>
<p><u>eclectic</u></p> <p>adj. Combining elements from a variety of sources.</p>	<p><u>perspicacious</u></p> <p>adj. Clear-sighted; shrewd.</p>
<p><u>epigram</u></p> <p>n. A short, witty poem or saying.</p>	<p><u>philistine</u></p> <p>n. One who is indifferent to or disdainful of intellectual values. adj. Smugly ignorant of artistic or intellectual qualities.</p>
<p><u>expound</u></p> <p>v. To explain in detail; to set forth.</p>	<p><u>propitious</u></p> <p>adj. Tending to favor or assist; encouraging.</p>
<p><u>intrinsic</u></p> <p>adj. Relating to the essential nature of something; real or actual.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 7

<p><u>archipelago</u> n. 1. A large group of islands. 2. A body of water containing a large number of islands.</p>	<p><u>presage</u> v. To foretell; to warn or indicate in advance.</p>
<p><u>careen</u> v. 1. To rush headlong, often with a swerving or lurching motion. 2. To cause to lean or tip to one side (as a ship).</p>	<p><u>pulverize</u> v. 1. To crush or grind into dust or powder. 2. To demolish.</p>
<p><u>cavalier</u> adj. Showing an offhand or carefree disregard; arrogant.</p>	<p><u>recondite</u> adj. Difficult to understand; abstruse.</p>
<p><u>contiguous</u> adj. Sharing a boundary; being very close or in contact; adjacent.</p>	<p><u>repulse</u> v. 1. To repel; to drive back. 2. To reject in a cool or distant manner. 3. To disgust.</p>
<p><u>correlate</u> v. To connect related things; to bring things into proper relation with one another. n. Correlation.</p>	<p><u>seismic</u> adj. 1. Caused by or having to do with earthquakes. 2. Having powerful and widespread effects.</p>
<p><u>etymology</u> n. 1. The history of a word. 2. The science that studies such histories.</p>	<p><u>undulate</u> v. 1. To form or move in waves. 2. To have a wavelike appearance or motion. n. undulation.</p>
<p><u>frenetic</u> adj. Wildly excited; frantic.</p>	<p><u>upheaval</u> n. 1. A radical or violent change. 2. A forceful lifting or warping from beneath.</p>
<p><u>kinetic</u> adj. Relating to motion.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 8

<p><u>betrothed</u> adj. Engaged to be married. n. A person to whom one is engaged to be married.</p>	<p><u>renegade</u> n. 1. A person who deserts one group or cause for another; a traitor. 2. A person who rejects lawful behavior.</p>
<p><u>blasphemy</u> n. An act or statement that shows disrespect or irreverence towards something considered sacred.</p>	<p><u>soliloquy</u> n. A speech in which a character's thoughts are given verbal expression.</p>
<p><u>cadence</u> n. 1. A rhythm marked by a regular beat. 2. The rising and falling of the voice in human speech.</p>	<p><u>stricture</u> (Usually plural) n. 1. A strong criticism. 2. Anything that restricts or limits.</p>
<p><u>canon</u> n. 1. A rule or principle that provides the norm for judgment. 2. The works of a writer accepted as authentic.</p>	<p><u>triumvirate</u> n. A group of three, especially one possessing great power or eminence.</p>
<p><u>denouement</u> (A French word now part of our vocabulary.) n. 1. The outcome of a series of events. 2. The final resolution following the climax of the plot of a work of drama or fiction.</p>	<p><u>usurp</u> v. To seize and hold power or authority in an illegal or unjust manner.</p>
<p><u>edict</u> n. A statement or command having the force of law.</p>	<p><u>vestment</u> (Often plural) n. An outer garment, especially one indicating a role, rank, or office.</p>
<p><u>enamor</u> (Usually used with of or with) v. To inspire with love; to captivate.</p>	<p><u>votary</u> n. A person who is devoted to a cause or organization, especially one of a religious nature.</p>
<p><u>insensate</u> adj. 1. Lacking sensation or awareness.</p>	

2. Lacking sense or ability to reason.
3. Brutal; lacking feeling.

Vocabulary Words

Week 9

<p><u>advent</u> n. A coming or arrival.</p>	<p><u>phobia</u> n. A strong, irrational fear.</p>
<p><u>blasé</u> (A French word now part of our vocabulary.) adj. Indifferent to what others might find pleasurable or exciting because of excessive indulgence or enjoyment; unconcerned.</p>	<p><u>proclivity</u> n. A strong inclination towards something.</p>
<p><u>bravado</u> n. An ostentatious display of bravery; defiant or swaggering behavior.</p>	<p><u>projectile</u> n. An object impelled with force or self-propelled through the air.</p>
<p><u>disparate</u> adj. 1. Containing or made up of fundamentally different and often incongruous elements. 2. Showing a marked difference or inequality. n. disparity.</p>	<p><u>queasy</u> adj. 1. Causing nausea or tending to be nauseous. 2. Causing or experiencing uneasiness; squeamish.</p>
<p><u>domicile</u> n. One's house or place of residence.</p>	<p><u>reciprocate</u> v. To exchange in kind; to repay. adj. Reciprocal. n. Reciprocity.</p>
<p><u>fabricate</u> v. 1. To make by putting parts together; to construct. 2. To invent in order to deceive. n. Fabrication.</p>	<p><u>relegate</u> v. 1. To put out of sight or mind; demote. 2. To assign for a decision or further action.</p>
<p><u>itinerant</u> adj. Traveling from place to place. n. One who goes from place to place.</p>	<p><u>vertigo</u> n. Dizziness or a tilting, spinning sensation.</p>

<u>lilliputian</u> adj. Extremely small or appearing to be so.	
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Vocabulary Words
Week 10

<u>amnesia</u> n. 1. A loss of memory, usually caused by shock or injury. 2. A gap in one's memory.	<u>opprobrium</u> n. Scornful treatment or contempt, especially as a result of disgraceful behavior.
<u>appease</u> v. 1. To bring to a state of peace or quiet. 2. To pacify an adversary, often by making concessions.	<u>proviso</u> n. A statement that makes a condition, qualification, or restriction.
<u>attrition</u> n. 1. A gradual reduction in numbers or loss of strength. 2. A weakening resulting from pressure or harassment.	<u>sully</u> v. To soil, tarnish, or besmirch.
<u>debacle</u> n. A sudden collapse, downfall, or failure.	<u>tactile</u> adj. Relating to or perceptible by the sense of touch.
<u>defoliate</u> v. To strip a plant of leaves, thereby damaging or destroying it.	<u>upbraid</u> v. To scold or criticize severely; to find fault with.
<u>equestrian</u> adj. Having to do with horseback riding. n. One who rides on horseback.	<u>verdant</u> adj. Green with vegetation; covered with green plants.
<u>expunge</u> v. To obliterate or erase completely.	<u>vertex</u> n. The point opposite and farthest from the base; summit.
<u>hackneyed</u>	

adj. Commonplace; trite; lacking force or significance because of overuse.	
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Vocabulary Words
Week 11

<p><u>attenuate</u></p> <p>v. 1. To make or become thin. 2. To lessen the amount, force, or value of.</p>	<p><u>prevail</u></p> <p>v. 1. To prove superior in power or strength. 2. To remain in effect or use; to be current or widespread.</p>
<p><u>behemoth</u></p> <p>n. Something or someone of enormous size or power.</p>	<p><u>putrefy</u></p> <p>v. To become rotten or decayed, giving off a foul odor.</p>
<p><u>disinter</u></p> <p>v. To remove from a grave or tomb; to dig up.</p>	<p><u>salubrious</u></p> <p>adj. Beneficial to health or well-being.</p>
<p><u>impinge</u></p> <p>(Used with on) v. 1. To go beyond desirable or established limits; to encroach. 2. To come into contact with, especially forcefully.</p>	<p><u>succulent</u></p> <p>adj. Fresh and juicy.</p>
<p><u>multifarious</u></p> <p>adj. Having many forms; varied, versatile.</p>	<p><u>tundra</u></p> <p>n. Flat, treeless plains of the arctic regions.</p>
<p><u>oxymoron</u></p> <p>n. A combination of words that seem to be contradictory.</p>	<p><u>unequivocal</u></p> <p>adj. Leaving no room for misunderstanding; unambiguous.</p>
<p><u>plenitude</u></p> <p>n. An ample amount; an abundance.</p>	<p><u>vicissitudes</u></p> <p>n. pl. Fluctuations in conditions; changes of fortune.</p>

<p><u>postulate</u></p> <p>v. To assume as a fact based on the best available evidence.</p> <p>n. Something assumed to be self-evident; a fundamental principle.</p>	
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Vocabulary Words
Week 12

<p><u>amity</u></p> <p>n. Peaceful relations; friendship.</p>	<p><u>introspective</u></p> <p>adj. Inclined to look inward and examine one's thought and feelings.</p> <p>n. Introspection.</p>
<p><u>animadversion</u></p> <p>n. (Usually used with on.) A critical or hostile comment.</p>	<p><u>metier</u></p> <p>(A French word now part of our vocabulary.) n. Work or activity for which one is particularly suited.</p>
<p><u>antithetical</u></p> <p>adj. Being in direct and outspoken opposition.</p> <p>antithesis n. The direct contrast of one thing with another; the exact opposite.</p>	<p><u>penurious</u></p> <p>adj. 1. Marked by extreme poverty. 2. Stingy; lacking generosity.</p> <p>n. Penury.</p>
<p><u>bellicose</u></p> <p>adj. Inclined to quarrel; combative; warlike.</p>	<p><u>privation</u></p> <p>n. An instance or condition of extreme hardship; a lack of comfort.</p>
<p><u>bucolic</u></p> <p>adj. Of or relating to country life; rustic; pastoral.</p>	<p><u>sobriquet</u></p> <p>(A French word now part of our vocabulary.) n. A nickname.</p>
<p><u>craven</u></p> <p>adj. Utterly lacking courage; willing to give up our capitulate.</p>	<p><u>tantamount</u></p> <p>adj. Equivalent to; the same as.</p>

<p><u>exalt</u> v. To raise in rank, wealth, or honor; to praise highly; glorify. adj. Exalted.</p>	<p><u>throes</u> n. pl. Conditions of painful or difficult change, struggle, or turmoil.</p>
<p><u>impugn</u> v. To attack as false; to call into question.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 13

<p><u>altruism</u> n. The putting of others' well-being ahead of one's own; unselfishness. adj. Altruistic.</p>	<p><u>genesis</u> n. An origin, creation, or beginning.</p>
<p><u>concurrent</u> adj. Taking place at the same time; simultaneous.</p>	<p><u>libation</u> n. A liquid, especially when poured as an offering or drunk as part of a ceremony.</p>
<p><u>context</u> n. 1. The circumstances in which something exists or occurs. 2. The surroundings of a word or phrase in a spoken or written passage.</p>	<p><u>malaise</u> n. A vague feeling of uneasiness or unwellness.</p>
<p><u>crass</u> adj. Lacking delicacy or sensitivity; gross.</p>	<p><u>platitude</u> n. A thought or remark that is dull or trite.</p>
<p><u>cuisine</u> n. Style of cooking.</p>	<p><u>reconcile</u> v. 1. To reestablish an amicable relationship. 2. To bring to quiet submission. 3. To bring into harmony or agreement.</p>
<p><u>debase</u> v. To lower the quality, character, or status</p>	<p><u>sunder</u> v. To break or force apart; to sever.</p>

of; to devalue.	
<u>enjoin</u> v. 1. To direct or command. 2. To forbid or prohibit.	<u>travail</u> n. 1. Activity that is arduous and burdensome; toil. 2. Suffering or anguish.
<u>extemporaneous</u> adj. Composed or performed on the spur of the moment, with little or no planning.	

Vocabulary Words
Week 14

<u>abeyance</u> n. A state of (usually temporary) inactivity or suspension.	<u>pinnacle</u> n. 1. A tall, slender, pointed top; peak. 2. The highest point of achievement.
<u>buttress</u> n. 1. A projecting structure that supports a wall or building. 2. Anything that supports or protects. v. To support or strengthen.	<u>requiem</u> n. A funeral mass or service; a musical composition honoring the dead.
<u>commensurate</u> adj. Corresponding in size, degree, or amount; proportionate; of equal value.	<u>sacrosanct</u> adj. Highly sacred or holy; not to be violated.
<u>dilatory</u> adj. Slow to act or respond; delaying, tardy.	<u>sensuous</u> adj. 1. Coming from or acting on the senses. 2. Producing an agreeable effect on the senses.
<u>ecumenical</u> adj. Universal; inclusive, especially concerning religious matters.	<u>tenet</u> n. A principle or belief held to be true, especially by members of an organization.
<u>facade</u> (also, façade) n. 1. The front or face of a building.	<u>transcend</u> v. To go above the limits of; to exceed or surpass.

2. A superficial appearance; an illusion.	
<u>gargoyle</u> n. A grotesque stone figure used as a decorative feature on a building or as an ornament; a spout projecting.	<u>venue</u> n. The scene or locale of any action or event; the place of an alleged crime.
<u>moot</u> v. To debate, suggest, or discuss. adj. Deprived of significance; irrelevant.	

Vocabulary Words
Week 15

<u>arbiter</u> n. One whose decisions are accepted as final; a judge.	<u>graphic</u> adj. 1. Evoking a sharp mental picture; vivid. 2. Concerning the pictorial arts, as drawing, painting, etc.
<u>conclave</u> n. A private meeting or secret assembly.	<u>inimical</u> adj. 1. Expressing hostility or unfriendly intent. 2. Having adverse or harmful effects.
<u>concomitant</u> adj. Accompanying; occupying or existing at the same time.	<u>inordinate</u> adj. Beyond what is ordinary or reasonable in amount or scope; excessive.
<u>coterie</u> n. An intimate or exclusive group; a clique.	<u>ludicrous</u> adj. Provoking or describing laughter because of absurdity; ridiculous.
<u>demur</u> v. To raise objections; to withhold one's approval or agreement.	<u>oligarchy</u> n. Government by a small, elite group.
<u>entice</u> v. To lead or persuade by arousing desire or hope; allure.	<u>redoubtable</u> adj. Worthy of respect; formidable.

<p><u>flaunt</u> v. To parade or display conspicuously or boldly.</p>	<p><u>repugnant</u> adj. Highly distasteful; offensive; repulsive.</p>
<p><u>genteel</u> adj. Polite, elegant, stylish; sometimes overly so.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 16

<p><u>Archives</u> N. Pl. Public or institutional records, especially historical documents that are preserved; the place where such records are kept.</p>	<p><u>Perfunctory</u> Adj. Done in a routine way, without care or particular interest.</p>
<p><u>Chattel</u> N. 1. An item of property that can be moved, as distinct from real estate. 2. A human being considered as property.</p>	<p><u>Pristine</u> Adj. Like new; spotless; free of dirt and decay.</p>
<p><u>Commodious</u> Adj. Having plenty of space to move around freely; roomy.</p>	<p><u>Ramshackle</u> Adj. Loosely made; appearing ready to collapse; dilapidated.</p>
<p><u>Conflagration</u> N. A large, disastrous fire.</p>	<p><u>Sequester</u> V. 1. To set apart; to seclude. 2. To seize, especially by legal authority.</p>
<p><u>Limbo</u> N. A place or state of neglect, oblivion, or transition.</p>	<p><u>Subversive</u> Adj. Planning to undermine or overthrow an established order. Subvert v. To undermine the morals, authority, or allegiance of.</p>

<p><u>Lineage</u> N. Line of descent; ancestry.</p>	<p><u>Terminus</u> N. The final destination or goal of a journey or endeavor; the finishing point.</p>
<p><u>Listless</u> Adj. Indifferent, spiritless; showing a lack of motivation or interest. N. Listlessness.</p>	<p><u>Virulent</u> Adj. 1. Extremely harmful or poisonous; deadly. 2. Full of hate; bitter or spiteful.</p>
<p><u>Metropolis</u> N. An important city, especially one regarded as the center of a particular activity. Adj. Metropolitan.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 17

<p><u>autocratic</u> adj. Exercising sole or complete control; dictatorial. n. (autocrat) One who exercises total control; a domineering person. n. (autocracy) Absolute rule by a single person; a state ruled by one person with unlimited power.</p>	<p><u>jaundiced</u> adj. 1. Of an unhealthy yellow appearance. 2. Affected by jealousy, resentment, or hostility.</p>
<p><u>caustic</u> adj. 1. Capable of destroying tissue by chemical action; corrosive. 2. Very sarcastic; sharp or biting.</p>	<p><u>mercenary</u> adj. Serving merely for money or gain; greedy. n. A soldier who fights for whoever pays him.</p>
<p><u>debilitate</u> v. To impair the strength of; to enfeeble.</p>	<p><u>notorious</u> adj. Well known for a particular quality or trait, often an unfavorable one. n. notoriety.</p>
<p><u>duplicitous</u> adj. Marked by deception. n. (duplicity) Deceit in speech or actions;</p>	<p><u>oust</u> v. To eject from a position or place; to drive out of use.</p>

deliberate deception.	Ouster. n. Dismissal from a position.
<u>emissary</u> n. A representative sent on a special errand.	<u>parsimonious</u> adj. Excessively sparing or frugal; penurious. n. parsimony.
<u>felicitous</u> adj. 1. Happily suited to an occasion or situation; appropriate and graceful. 2. Marked by happiness or good fortune; pleasant; charming.	<u>pejorative</u> adj. Having negative or unpleasant associations; belittling.
<u>forthright</u> adj. Direct; straightforward; frank.	<u>precept</u> n. A general principle or rule of action.
<u>impecunious</u> adj. Being habitually without money; poor.	

Vocabulary Words

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<u>bereft</u> adj. Deprived of or lacking something that is wanted or needed.	<u>pertinent</u> adj. Relating to the matter at hand; relevant.
<u>criterion</u> n. A standard or rule by which something is judged or criticized. n. pl. Criteria.	<u>promulgate</u> v. To proclaim or make known.
<u>deride</u> v. To laugh at in scorn or contempt; to ridicule. n. Derision.	<u>proscribe</u> v. To forbid as harmful; to prohibit.
<u>effrontery</u> n. A boldness that is offensive because of its lack of tact; audacity.	<u>redress</u> v. To correct or compensate for a wrong. n. Something that makes up for a wrong.
<u>espouse</u> v. To advocate or embrace, especially a	<u>regime</u> n. A form of rule or government.

cause or idea. n. Espousal.	
<u>hypocrisy</u> n. The practice of pretending to believe or value things or ideas that one does not; falseness. n. (hypocrite) A person who pretends to be what he or she is not or to have principles he or she does not possess. adj. Hypocritical.	<u>retribution</u> n. Something given in repayment, especially punishment; recompense.
<u>impending</u> adj. About to occur; imminent.	<u>substantiate</u> v. To verify or confirm by presenting evidence.
<u>incensed</u> adj. Filled with wrath; enraged.	