

Vocabulary #1a
English 9AB

1. altruism -(noun) unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.
(Always unselfish and concerned with the welfare of others, Mother Theresa practiced acts of altruism in her work with the poor.)
2. ambivalence – (noun) coexistence within an individual of positive and negative feelings toward the same person, object, or action, simultaneously (like love and hate)
(When Ms. Gerber told Joey she would give him \$5,000 if he ate a worm, Joey experienced great ambivalence. Was \$5,000 worth a big, fat, juicy bug lunch?)
3. angular- (adj.) **a** : forming an angle : sharp-cornered **b** : having one or more angles
(Her model-thin figure and her enormous head made Kelly's face look sharp and angular.)
4. arrogant-(adj.) exaggerated sense of one's own worth or importance
(Demonstrating her usual arrogant attitude, Paris barked orders at the butler and threw \$500 shoes at the frightened, confused maid.)
5. aversion- (noun) **a** : a feeling of disgust toward something with a desire to avoid or turn from it.
(I have a crazy aversion to green bell peppers; I would do anything to avoid the demon vegetable.)
6. discern- (verb) to recognize or identify as separate and distinct.
(As the wind blew through the school hallways, I could discern the faint stink of fear and corn chips; it was then I knew the freshman had arrived.)
7. disdain- (noun) a feeling of contempt for what is beneath one.
(Malcolm had nothing but disdain for the lowly eighth graders; they weren't even worth his spit.)
8. disparage-(verb) to lower in rank or reputation, to put someone down
(One of the many advantages of an upperclassman is the right, maybe even the responsibility, to disparage underclassman; they must be criticized and humiliated at every opportunity.)
9. disparity- (noun) lack of similarity or equality; inequality
(Dean talks a good game, but in the end a huge disparity exists between what he says and what he actually does)
10. embellish- (verb) to make beautiful, adorn
(Wyatt embellished his stunning evening ensemble with diamond pendant earrings and elbow-high gloves making him appear just beyond fabulous.)

11. engender- (verb) to produce, cause, or give rise to
(The smell of a barbecue engenders hunger; the sight of a blood-thirsty vampire engenders terror, the sound of Gerber's singing engenders nausea)
12. innocuous- (adj.) not likely to give offense or to arouse strong feelings or hostility, harmless
(Though he wears a spiked collar, snarls constantly, and has pieces of bloody human flesh hanging from his shredded muzzle, Precious, my neighbor's 120 pound Rottweiler, is quite innocuous. "He wouldn't hurt a fly.")
13. insipid- (adj.) lacking in qualities that interest, stimulate, or challenge, dull
(As Ms. Gerber droned on endlessly about her stinky, Jewish dog, her ninth graders rightfully wondered, "Could a human being be more insipid?")
14. lament- (verb) to express sorrow, mourning, or regret
(When the beloved, though insane English teacher was finally hauled away to the institution, the students lamented the loss of such a consistent form of entertainment).
15. laud- (verb) praise; acclaim
(Seeking to secure a solid A in English 9, Sachi wasted no time sucking up to her ancient teacher, lauding the gullible instructor's youthful appearance.)
16. obscure- (adj.) not plain; something vague, or uncertain
(Teachers are often obscure in their explanations; indeed, their language is filled with murky thoughts and clouded reasoning.)
17. ostentatious- (adj.) pretentious or eye-catching show in an attempt to impress others
(Seeking to impress the other fools and slackers in her class, Chyna made an ostentatious show of her stupidity by dancing on the desks.)
18. prodigal- (adj.) wastefully or recklessly extravagant.
(Nick indulged in prodigal spending after he won the California Lottery; he bought nothing useful or necessary – only items for fun.)
19. repudiate- (verb) to refuse or reject
(Whitney repudiated our claim that Period 2 was the most Gangstuh class in school, claiming the title for the very chill Period 6.)
20. reticence- (noun) restraint or reluctance
(At the Thanksgiving feast hosted by her fiancé's parents, Casey wanted desperately to consume the entire pumpkin pie, however, she felt great reticence as she didn't want to appear a complete pig in front of her future in laws.)

Vocabulary #2a
English Honors

1. antithesis – (n.) the direct opposite
2. ascend – (v.) to move, climb, or go upward; mount; rise:
3. austere – (adj.) grave; sober; solemn; serious
4. autonomous – (adj.) independent
5. banal – (adj.) lacking originality, dull or ordinary
6. benign – (adj.) of a mild type or character that does not threaten health or life;
7. capricious – (adj.) ruled by impulsive behavior or action, impulsive, fickle
8. dawdle – (v.) to spend time idly, loiter, delay
9. defamation – (n.) act of harming another's reputation
10. esoteric – (adj.) intended for a particular group, of special, rare, or unusual interest
11. exacerbate – (v.) to make more severe
12. extol – (v.) to praise highly
13. fastidious – (adj.) difficult to please
14. furtive – (adj.) secret and sly
15. gregarious – (adj.) fond of the company of others; sociable
16. hypocrite – (n.) person who says one thing and then does the complete opposite
17. innate – (adj.) existing from birth, inborn
18. lethargic – (adj.) drowsy; sluggish, tired
19. melancholy – (n.) state of sadness or depression
20. opaque – (adj.) not clear, hard to understand

Vocabulary #3a
English 9 Honors

1. prolific – (adj.) causing plentiful growth
2. reprove – (v.) to scold or correct usually gently or with kindly intent
3. symmetry – (n.) equal on both sides of a dividing line
4. tranquil – (adj.) calm, free from disturbance
5. venerate – (v.) to honor with a ceremonial act of devotion
6. abstruse – (adj.) difficult to understand, opaque
7. affable – (adj.) pleasant and at ease in talking to others
8. audacity (n.) – bold or arrogant disregard for normal boundaries (audacity of hope)
9. contrite – (adj.) feeling or showing sorrow and remorse for a sin
10. credulous – (adj.) ready to believe especially on slight or uncertain evidence
11. depravity – (n.) a corrupt act or practice
12. deprecate – (v.) to make little of, belittle, disparaging
13. didactic – (adj.) designed or intended to teach
14. dormant – (adj.) lying asleep or inactive, a state of rest or inactivity
15. enigmatic – (adj.) perplexing; mysterious
16. erudite – (adj.) characterized by great knowledge; learned or scholarly
17. exotic – (adj.) foreign; alien
18. fuse – (v.) to blend thoroughly by or as if by melting together
19. immutable – (adj.) not capable of change
20. incorrigible – (adj.) incapable of being corrected or reformed

Vocabulary #4a
English 9 Honors

1. acrimonious – (adj.) stinging, or bitter in nature, speech, behavior,
2. ameliorate – (v.) to make better or more tolerable; improve
3. amenable – (adj.) ready or willing to answer, act, agree, or yield;
4. amorphous – (adj.) lacking definite form; having no specific shape; formless
5. buoyant – (adj.) capable of floating; happy
6. cajole – (v.) to persuade with flattery or gentle urging
7. calamity – (n.) a great misfortune or disaster
8. debase – (v.) to lower in status, quality or character
9. efface – (v.) to rub out, erase, or obliterate
10. elucidate – (v.) to make clear; throw light upon; explain
11. ephemeral – (adj.) lasting one day only or a very short time
12. ferocity – (n.) savage fierceness, the quality or state of being ferocious
13. flourish – (v.) to grow, thrive
14. haughty – (adj.) blatantly proud; stuck-up
15. impervious – (adj.) not allowing entrance or passage, incapable of being impaired
16. inane – (adj.) silly; lacking meaning
17. indolence – (n.) consistent laziness; inactivity
18. infallible – (adj.) incapable of error; worthy of trust
19. inscrutable – (adj.) not readily understood: mysterious
20. languid – (adj.) drooping or flagging from weakness or fatigue

Vocabulary #5a
English 9AB

1. affable – (adj.) pleasant and likeable
2. ambivalence – (n.) mixed feelings or emotions, positive and negative feelings at the same time.
3. ameliorate – (v.) to improve or make better
4. audacity – (adj.) raw arrogance and disregard for normal standards
5. austere – (adj.) strict and humorless
6. disdain – (n.) a feeling of contempt for something beneath you
7. engender – (v.) to cause to exist or to develop
8. esoteric – (adj.) intended for a particular group
9. exacerbate – (v.) to make worse
10. loathe – (v.) to dislike greatly and often with disgust or intolerance
11. mitigate – (v) to cause to become less harsh or hostile
12. nullify – (v.) to make of no value or consequence
13. pacifistic – (adj.) strongly and actively opposed to conflict and war
14. pretentious –(adj.) conceited, making unjustified or excessive claims, exaggerated importance
15. prologue – (n.) the preface or introduction to a literary work
16. recant – (v.) to withdraw a statement, open confession of error
17. servile – (adj.) of or befitting a slave or a unskilled position
18. trepidation – (n.) a feeling of alarm or dread
19. venerate – (v.) to honor with a an established or prescribed procedure like crossing yourself in church
20. vilify – (v.) to speak ill of; defame; slander

Vocabulary #6a
English 9Honors

1. antiquated – (adj.) old-fashioned, no longer used, obsolete
2. clandestine – (adj.) held or conducted in secret.
3. egregious – (adj.) extremely bad, extraordinary in some awful way
4. hackneyed – (adj.) made commonplace or trite; stale; banal
5. iconoclast – (n.) one who attacks common beliefs or institutions
6. imperious – (adj.) domineering in a haughty manner; dictatorial; overbearing.
7. malice – (n.) desire to cause pain, injury or distress to another
8. maudlin – (adj.) tearfully or weakly emotional; foolishly sentimental
9. oblique – (adj.) not straightforward, confusing
10. obsequious – (adj.) overly submissive, servile, or compliant
11. opulence – (n.) wealth, riches, or affluence
12. panacea – (n.) a remedy for all ills or difficulties
13. paragon – (n.) a model of excellence or perfection.
14. pathos – (n.) an emotion of sympathy
15. penitent – (adj.) expressing sorrow for sin or wrongdoing
16. perfunctory – (adj.) something performed as a routine duty; hasty and superficial,
17. pithy – (adj.) – brief, forceful, and meaningful
18. plethora – (n.) an abundance or excess.
19. stolid – (adj.) not easily stirred or moved mentally; unemotional, without interest
20. vex – (v) to irritate; annoy; provoke

Vocabulary #7a
English 9 Honors

1. conciliate- (v.) to overcome anger or hostility, to win goodwill of
2. cursory- (adj.) hasty; superficial
3. derision- (n.) ridicule; mockery, scorn
4. enmity- (n.) hostility between enemies
5. extricate- (v.) disentangle or release from an entanglement or difficulty, to free
6. forbearance- (n.) tolerance and restraint in the face of aggravation
7. frivolous- (adj.) lacking a serious purpose, pleasure-loving
8. garrulous- (adj.) talkative
9. impetuous- (adj.) rash action, emotion, etc.; impulsive: moving with great force
10. industrious- (adj.) hard-working
11. infamous- (adj.) having or deserving a especially bad reputation
12. insolence- (n.) insulting behavior, arrogance, rudeness
13. levity- (n.) lightness of mind, character, or behavior a humorous attitude towards matters that should be treated with respect
14. oblivion- (n.) the state of being completely forgotten or unknown
15. paradoxical- (adj.) contradicting, a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth.
16. perjury- (n.) giving false evidence while under oath
17. rancor- (n.) bitter feeling or ill-will
18. sycophant- (n.) person who tries to win people's favor by flattering them
19. vacillating- (v.) to waver in mind or opinion; be indecisive
20. vivid- (adj.) bright and strong

Vocabulary #8a
English 9 Honors

1. abhor – (v.) detest utterly; loathe
2. accolade – (n.) praise, approval
3. ascetic – (n.) a person who leads an austere simple life, esp. one who abstains from the normal pleasures of life or denies himself or herself material satisfaction.
4. bequeath – (v.) to hand down; pass on
5. charlatan – (n.) person who falsely claims to be an expert
6. conflagration – (n.) a huge destructive fire
7. dearth – (n.) a scarcity
8. diffidence – (n.) lack of self-confidence
9. effervescent – (adj.) giving off small bubbles of gas, lively; sparkling
10. ethereal – (adj.) heavenly or celestial, light and delicate, especially in appearance
11. expunge – (v.) to wipe or rub out, to delete
12. guile – (n.) treacherous cunning, craftiness, skillful deceit
13. implausible – (adj.) not likely
14. incongruity – (n.) not in agreement, mismatched
15. insularity – (n.) , isolation, state of being narrow minded
16. morose – (adj.) sullen, gloomy and unsociable
17. placate – (v.) to pacify, conciliate, calm down
18. poignant – (adj.) arousing sympathy, moving, emotional, touching
19. provincial – (adj.) unsophisticated, simple
20. reiterate – (v.) to say again or repeat

Vocabulary #9a
English 9 Honors

1. acquiesce – (v.) submit or comply silently or without protest; agree
2. affinity – (n.) an attraction to or liking for something
3. blasphemous (adj.) disrespectful or mocking behavior toward anything held sacred
4. buttress – (n.) something that supports or strengthens
5. circumspect – (adj.) careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences
6. corroboration – (n.) support with other evidence; make more certain
7. deplete – (v.) to lessen in quantity, content, power, or value
8. despotic – (adj.) acting as a despot (one who rules with absolute power or authority)
9. emaciated – (adj.) extremely thin
10. empirical – (adj.) originating in or based on observation or experience
11. extraneous – (adj.) not vital: having no relevance
12. fallow – (adj.) uncultivated, not in use.
13. homogeneous – (adj.) of the same or a similar kind or nature
14. hyperbole – (n.) extravagant exaggeration (i.e. “I ate a mile-high ice cream cone”)
15. incontrovertible (adj.) not open to question: not able to be disputed, undeniable
16. spontaneous – (adj.) coming from a natural impulse; without effort or planning;
17. synthesis – (n.) combining parts to form a whole
18. toxic – (adj.) caused by a poison or toxins
19. vigilant – (adj.) alert or watchful, especially to avoid danger
20. voluble – (adj.) ready and continuous flow of words; fluent; glib: talkative

Vocabulary #10a
English 9 Honors

1. ambiguous – (adj.) open to more than one interpretation; doubtful or uncertain nature
2. amiable – (adj.) good-nature and likeable
3. crass – (adj.) crude and unrefined; insensitive, gross
4. discursive – (adj.) passing aimlessly from one subject to another; rambling
5. docile – (adj.) easily managed or handled, obedient
6. estrange – (v.) to turn away in feeling or affection; make unfriendly or hostile; alienate
7. exonerate – (v) to free from blame
8. gratuitous – (adj.) without apparent reason, cause, or justification
9. hypothesize – (v.) to make an assumption, to venture an explanation
10. indignation – (n.) anger caused by something unjust
11. irascible – (adj.) easily angered, very irritable
12. laconic – (adj.) using few words; concise:
13. magnanimity – (n.) generous in forgiving an insult or injury; free from petty resentment,
14. obsequious – (adj.) full of or exhibiting servile compliance (much butt kissing),
15. proliferation – (v.) to cause, to grow
16. scrupulous – (adj.) having or showing a strict regard for what one considers right; principled, high minded and noble.
17. sublime – (adj.) supreme or outstanding, complete; absolute; utter
18. surreptitious – (adj.) secret or unauthorized; clandestine
19. veracity – (n.) adherence to the truth, observance of accuracy, genuineness
20. zeal – (n.) eager desire; enthusiastic diligence; ardor.

Vocabulary #1b
English 9 Honors

1. abstemious – (adj.) to be sober, austere, self-denying
2. admonish – (v.) to express warning or disapproval in a gentle, serious way.
3. amity (n.) friendliness, to be agreeable, product of being amiable
4. bastion (n.) a fortress or protective support.
5. callous – (adj.) having no sympathy for others, heartless
6. clemency – (n.) to be merciful and especially to moderate the severity of punishment
7. debunk – (v.) expose the sham or falseness, to uncover the truth of a falseness
8. diffuse – (v.) to scatter or spread; to spread thinly or lessen the concentration.
9. dupe – (v.) to trick or fool
10. exorcise – (v.) to get rid of something troublesome, especially an evil spirit
11. penury - (n.) severe poverty, to be penniless
12. perspicacious – (adj.) pronounced mental vision, perceptive or insightful
13. pliable – (adj.) easily persuaded, easy to manipulate, bendable.
14. quell – (v.) to calm or pacify.
15. rectify – (v.) to correct or to set right, like an argument.
16. rue – (v.) regret, be remorseful
17. sluggard – (n.) a habitually lazy person; sluggish person
18. stealthy – (adj.) secretive, clandestine, surreptitious
19. succinct – (adj.) to the point, precise, exact, concise
20. voluminous – (adj.) marked by great volume, scores of something, full and numerous

Vocabulary #2b
English 9 Honors

1. accord – (v.) to cause to conform or agree, bring into harmony
2. annulment – (n.) to make legally invalid, to reduce to nothing (a marriage)
3. arduous – (adj.) demanding a great effort or labor, difficult
4. astute – (adj.) to be shrewd, to be perspicacious, smart
5. carping – (v.) complain continuously and in disagreeable way
6. finesse – (n.) skillful handling of a situation, masterful; extreme delicacy or subtlety in action, performance, skill, discrimination, taste, etc.
7. humility – (n.) the quality or condition of being humble.
8. imperious – (adj.) overbearing, dominating (like a king)
9. larceny – (n.) the unlawful taking and removing of another's personal property with the intent of permanently depriving the owner; theft.
10. mirth – (n.) gladness or gaiety as shown by or accompanied with laughter
11. mollify – (v.) to calm in temper or feeling; soothe
12. neologism – (n.) a new word, expression or usage
13. orthodox – (adj.) conforming to established doctrine especially in religion ,
conventional
14. plight – (n.) a bad or unfortunate situation
15. repertoire – (n.) a list or supply of capabilities (the songs a singer sings, the bits a
comedian performs, the books a novelists writes, the subject a teacher teaches)
16. rupture – (v.) to break apart or rip in a violent or abrupt way
17. solicitous – (adj.) to care for and be concerned for others, attentive and protective
18. stolid – (adj.) having or showing no emotion, expressionless, emotionless
19. tempestuous – (adj.) the quality of being stormy, turbulent, or chaotic like a tempest.
20. untenable – (adj.) not able to be defended or occupied.

Vocabulary #3b
English 9 Honors

1. covert – (adj.) concealed, hidden, disguised.
2. desecrate – (v.) to violate the holiness of something, to mistreat something sacred
3. dilatory – (adj.) causing delay, characterized by procrastination
4. esteem– (n.) to have great regard for something or someone, to value highly.
5. expatriate – (v.) to drive from one’s native land.
6. fortuitous – (adj.) coming or happening by a lucky chance
7. guileless – (adj.) without guile, innocent or naïve.
8. hackneyed – (adj.) clichéd and worn out by overuse
9. illustrious – (adj.) memorable, well known or famous
10. insatiable – (adj.) constantly wanting more, unable to be satisfied by consumption
11. loquacious – (adj.) garrulous, wordy, excessively talkative
12. neurotic – (adj.) quality of mental and emotional disorder that affects part of the personality
13. parch – (v.) to dry out
14. porous – (adj.) full of pores or holes through which water can pass through
15. rancid – (adj.) having a bad smell or taste, rotten
16. reconcile – (v.) to make friendly again, to make up, to put to rights
17. saccharine – (adj.) excessively sugary or to be sickly sweet, overly sentimental
18. sonorous – (adj.) producing sound that is impressive or arresting.
19. tentative – (adj.) hesitant or uncertain, not definite or final
20. utility – (n.) something useful or designed for use.

Vocabulary #4b
English 9 Honors

1. adjunct – (n.) something joined/added to another thing but not essentially a part of it
2. anomalous – (adj.) differing from what is usual, normal, or expected
3. belligerent – (adj.) exhibiting assertiveness, hostility, or combativeness
4. censure – (v.) the act of blaming or condemning sternly
5. compliance – (n.) the result of yielding to or conforming to a desire, demand, proposal, etc.
6. defile – (v.) to make unclean or impure
7. diligent – (adj.) steady, intense, and energetic effort, hard-working
8. expedient – (adj.) characterized by concern with what is opportune or to your advantage
9. flout – (v.) to mock or scoff at
10. galling – (adj.) annoying or irritating
11. heralded – (v.) to greet especially with enthusiasm, hail, announce
12. incantation – (n.) a use of spells or verbal charms spoken or sung as a part of a ritual of magic
13. indigenous – (adj.) having originated in and being produced, growing, living, or occurring naturally in a particular region or environment
14. luscious – (adj.) luxurious or appealing to the senses
15. nomadic – (adj.) roaming about from place to place aimlessly
16. parry – (v.) to ward off a weapon or blow; to evade or turn aside something
17. precipitate – (v.) to throw violently, to bring about in a sudden way
18. pungent – (adj.) a sharp sensation in taste or smell, overpowering
19. ratify – (v.) to approve or confirm
20. sagacious – (adj.) wise, clever or perceptive, especially in advice or judgment.

Vocabulary #5b
English 9 Honors

1. affluent – (adj.) flowing in abundance, having an abundance of material possessions
2. antiquity – (n.) state of being ancient or old.
3. blandishment – (n.) a flattering or obsequious act.
4. chasten – (v.) to punish in order to improve, discipline
5. civility – (n.) a polite act or expression
6. congenial – (adj.) having the same nature, disposition, or tastes
7. deft – (adj.) skillful, smart and clever
8. dispatch – (v.) to send off or away with promptness or speed
9. embroil – (v.) to throw into disorder or confusion
10. expurgate – (v.) to cleanse of something morally harmful, offensive, or flawed
11. garner – (v.) to acquire by effort, to gain or collect
12. heretical – (adj.) departure from accepted beliefs or standards, unorthodox
13. iconoclast – (n.) person who attacks settled beliefs or institutions
14. irreproachable – (adj.) blameless or faultless.
15. mercurial – (adj.) characterized by rapid and unpredictable changeableness of mood
(like Mercutio in the Queen Mab scene)
16. slovenly – (adj.) untidy especially in personal appearance
17. spiteful – (adj.) having petty ill feelings or hatred with the intent to irritate, annoy, or ruin
18. tangential – (adj.) touching or slightly connected.
19. taper – (v.) a gradual decrease, to narrow or come to a point.
20. vagrant – (n.) person who wanders from place to place without lawful or visible means of support, a homeless person.

Vocabulary #6b
English 9 Honors

1. aggregate – (adj.) formed by the collection of units or particles into a body, mass, or amount, a collective or total.
2. archipelago – (n.) an expanse of water with many scattered islands, the Caribbean
3. boon – (n.) a benefit or a favor, considered help
4. chicanery – (n.) a clever trick or some variety of deception
5. contaminant – (n.) something that will soil, stain, corrupt, or infect by contact
6. corrugated – (adj.) item with parallel ridges or grooves, like corduroy or cardboard.
7. deletions – (n.) items that have been eliminated or cut out, edits for example.
8. disputatious – (adj.) inclined to dispute or argue
9. emend – (v.) to correct, especially text.
10. nuance – (n) a subtle distinction or variation
11. objective – (n.) something toward which effort is directed : an aim, goal
12. partisan – (n.) member of an irregular military force formed to oppose control of an area by a foreign power or by an army of occupation
13. pious – (adj.) devoutly religious; "a god-fearing and law-abiding people"
14. raucous – (adj.) unpleasantly loud and harsh
15. repugnant – (adj.) disgusting or offensive
16. satiric – (adj.) exposing human foolishness to ridicule. Satire makes a political statement as opposed to parody, which just mimics (The Daily Show vs. Colbert Report)
17. sporadic – (adj.) happening from time to time, irregular occurrence
18. succulent – (adj.) highly interesting or enjoyable, full of juice.
19. terrestrial – (adj.) of or relating to the earth or its inhabitants
20. ungainly – (adj.) awkward and clumsy.

Vocabulary #7b
English 9 Honors

1. approbation – (n.) an act of approving formally and officially
2. assent – (v.) to agree to something especially after thoughtful consideration, concur.
3. boorish – (adj.) rude manner due to insensitivity, rude or impolite
4. circumlocution – (n.) unnecessarily large number of words to express an idea, coming to a point in a round about way.
5. copious – (adj.) abundant and plentiful in number.
6. fetter – (v.) to confine or restrain
7. giddy – (adj.) silly in a lighthearted way, frivolous or scatterbrained
8. heterogeneity – (n.) consisting of different or unlike ingredients, mixed.
9. indomitable – (adj.) incapable of being subdued, unconquerable or tough minded.
10. irresolute – (adj.) uncertain how to act or proceed, indecisive or unsure.
11. metaphorically – (adv.) not literal. Two unlike objects used together as a means of comparison.
12. panacea – (n.) – a remedy for all ills or difficulties, a cure-all.
13. peruse – (v.) to examine or consider with attention and in detail, study
14. prodigy – (n.) a highly talented child or youth
15. rebuff – (v.) to reject or criticize sharply, snub
16. resilient – (adj.) capable of withstanding shock without permanent damage, tough and durable
17. scapegoat – (n.) one who bears the blame for others
18. spurious – (adj.) seemingly similar to something but without having its genuine qualities, false or counterfeit
19. tractable – (adj.) easily handled, controlled or managed, docile
20. vivacious – (adj.) full of animation and spirit; lively

Vocabulary #8b
English 9 Honors

1. delineation – (n.) something that is indicated or represented by drawn or painted lines
2. dissemble – (v.) conceal facts, intentions, or feelings under some pretense, evade
3. emulate – (v.) to strive to equal or excel, copy
4. fickle – (adj.) given to inconsistent, unpredictable behavior
5. gravity – (n.) the state of extreme seriousness or severity.
6. homely – (adj.) of the home (not “you ugly”)
7. indigence – (n.) extreme case of poverty, comforts of life are completely lacking.
8. jingoist – (n.) one who cares only for their own country to the point of hostility towards other countries.
9. migratory – (adj.) characterized by wandering, nomadic.
10. obfuscating – (v.) to make unclear or confusing, opaque.
11. proclivity – (n.) a strong inherent tendency toward something
12. prostration – (n.) completely overcome and lacking vitality, will, or power to rise
13. recalcitrant – (adj.) defiant of authority, difficult to manage
14. resolute – (adj.) marked by firm determination
15. sectarian – (adj.) relating to, or characteristic of a sect, faction, division, party, or cult.
16. stalwart – (adj.) marked by outstanding strength and vigor of body, mind, or spirit
17. tacit – (adj.) expressed without words or speech, implied or indicated but not actually spoken.
18. transcend – (v.) to rise above or go beyond the limits
19. virtuous – (adj.) of outstanding morals, honorable and upright
20. whet – (v.) to make keen or more acute, to sharpen or stimulate

Vocabulary #9b
English 9 Honors

1. ambulatory – (adj.) able to walk
2. anarchy – (n.) complete absence of government
3. breadth – (n.) the distance from side to side of an item; width
4. cant – (n.) whining, sing-song type of speech
5. circumscribe – (v.) to draw a line around; encircle
6. congeal – (v.) to change from a soft or fluid state to a rigid or solid state by cooling or freezing; to curdle or coagulate
7. demagogue – (n.) someone who leads by appealing to the emotions of the masses
8. dissonance – (n.) harsh sound
9. dubious – (adj.) doubtful, of questionable quality
10. engrossed – (adj.) to be deeply absorbed or involved in something
11. facilitate – (v.) to make possible or to assist
12. fledgling – (n.) an inexperienced person (literal, a young bird that has just acquired its wings)
13. gilded – (adj.) covered or highlighted with gold or something of a golden color
14. graphic – (adj.) portrayed in a realistic or vivid manner
15. introvert – (n.) a shy person or someone who is involved in their own feelings or thoughts
16. jocular – (adj.) suited to joking or jesting
17. malcontent – (n.) someone who is unhappy or dissatisfied
18. misnomer – (n.) an error in naming a person or thing (a bald guy named Curley)
19. obstinate – (adj.) stubbornly adhering to one's purpose, opinion, etc.; not yielding to argument, persuasion, or entreaty.
20. prevalent. – (adj.) widely or commonly occurring, broadly accepted

Vocabulary #10b
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1. desiccate – (v.) to dry out; dehydrate
2. complacency – (n.) feeling of self-satisfaction
3. commensurate – (adj.) equal in size, extent, duration
4. cacophonous – (adj.) harsh, unpleasant sound
5. blithe – (adj.) carefree, lighthearted, happy
6. banter – (n.) good-humored playful conversation
7. diminution - (n.) the act of decreasing or reducing
8. anarchist – (n) one who rebels against authority/rules
9. amass – (v.) accumulate: gather
10. acclaim – (n.) praise; applaud
11. vulgarity – (n.) act or expression that offends good taste
12. vociferous - (adj.) noisy, vehement outcry
13. trite – (adj.) lacking power because of overuse or repetition; hackneyed, stereotyped
14. supercilious – (adj.) disdainfully proud; stuck-up
15. spume – (n) scum, foam or froth on a liquid.
16. parsimony – (n.) state of being stingy
17. kindle – (v.) to build or fuel
18. jollity – (n) celebration
19. incessant – (adj.) continuing without interruption
20. elicit - (v.) to bring or draw out