

VOCABULARY 1

burnish (v) to make or become smooth, bright, and glossy

encapsulate (v) to express something in concise form

fragment (n) broken piece; incomplete piece

incisive (adj) cutting into

layout (n) way things are arranged; design of printed matter

pallid (adj) pale; colorless

quandary (n) dilemma; problem

rummage (v) search thoroughly

torpid (adj) lacking alertness and activity; lethargic; lazy

vertigo (n) dizziness

VOCABULARY 2

connect (v) to associate mentally or emotionally

deplete (v) to reduce; to empty

euphony (n) pleasant sound

incognito (adj) unidentified; disguised; concealed

original (adj) new; fresh; inventive

partisan (adj) biased; one-sided

pivotal (adj) of vital or critical importance

promote (v) to help or encourage to exist or flourish; further

reflection (n) a fixing of the thoughts on something; careful consideration

savor (v) to receive pleasure from; enjoy

VOCABULARY 3

capricious (adj) changeable; fickle

famished (adj) extremely hungry

frenetic (adj) frantic; frenzied

genocide (n) the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political, or cultural group

indict (v) charge with a crime

lucid (adj) easily understood

massacre (v) to kill unnecessarily and indiscriminately, esp. a large number

passive (adj) submissive; unassertive

point of view (n) a mental viewpoint or attitude

subjugate (v) to make submissive or subservient; enslave

VOCABULARY 4

canvass (v) to go through (places) or among (people) asking for (votes, opinions, orders, etc.)

discontented (adj) dissatisfaction; restless desire for something more or different

garrulous (adj) talking much about unimportant things

lustrous (adj) bright; radiant

proprietor (n) one who owns and operates a business establishment

prosaic (adj) tiresome; ordinary

reckless (adj) careless; heedless

servile (adj) slavish, groveling

vicinity (n) a nearby, surrounding, or adjoining region; a neighborhood

winsome (adj) agreeable; charming; delightful

VOCABULARY 5

arid (adj) dry; parched

boycott (v) to refuse to deal with something/someone

endorse (v) support somebody or something

ephemeral (adj) temporary; brief; short-lived

gratuitous (adj) unnecessary

malediction (n) curse; evil spell

mull (v) period of careful deliberation

penchant (n) a strong liking or fondness

repeal (v) to abolish or undo a law

tractable (adj) easily led or managed

VOCABULARY 6

arrogant (adj) acting superior to others; conceited

compromise (n) an agreement in which both sides agree to give up something they want in order to achieve a settlement

effluvium (n) an outflow in the form of vapor

improvident (adj) lacking foresight and thrift

magnanimous (adj) forgiving; unselfish

pedagogue (n) teacher (can be dogmatic or pedantic)

ratify (v) to formally approve a plan or an agreement

sanguine (adj) optimistic; cheerful

transitory (adj) of a passing nature; speedily vanishing

visionary (adj) characterized by impractical ideas

VOCABULARY 7

cascade (v) pour; rush; fall

condition (n) factor affecting something (the game)

deleterious (adj) harmful to health, well-being

evaluate (v) to examine and judge something (the game)

evanescent (adj) vanishing; fleeting

indulgent (adj) lenient; patient

macerate (v) to torment

modify (v) to make small changes to something

ostensible (adj) apparent; declared

saturnine (adj) heavy; grave; gloomy

trek (v) to make a journey

VOCABULARY 8

abhor (v) to hate

austere (adj) harsh; severe; strict

devoid (adj) lacking; empty

exemplary (n) serving as an example; outstanding

gloat (v) brag; glory over

impartial (adj) not biased

mandatory (adj) authoritatively commanded or required

perceptive (adj) full of insight; aware

raucous (adj) disagreeable to the sense of hearing; harsh

skulk (v) to move secretly

VOCABULARY 9

absolve (v) to forgive; to acquit

authentic (adj) real; genuine; trustworthy

convert (v) to change someone's religious beliefs

digress (v) stray from the subject; wander from topic

expedition (n) organized trip by group

goad (v) to arouse or incite

legacy (n) anything handed down from the past

manifest (adj) evident; obvious; apparent

maverick (n) person who acts independent of a group

realm (n) an area; sphere of activity

VOCABULARY 10

accolade (n) approving or praising mention

awry (adv) 1. crooked(ly); uneven(ly); 2. (adj) wrong, askew

discern (v) to distinguish or discriminate

dissolve (v) break up

infer (v) form an opinion; conclude

meander (v) wind on a course; go aimlessly

oppression (n) the feeling of being weighed down or held back by severe & unfair force

secession (n) the act of withdrawing from an organization or alliance

segregation (n) social separation of groups of people, especially by race

solicit (v) ask; seek

VOCABULARY 11

accrue (v) collect; build up

baleful (adj) sinister; threatening; evil; deadly

blockade (v) to block access to a place

comprehensive (adj) all-inclusive; complete, thorough

extol (v) praise; commend

inherent (adj) innate; basic; inborn

permeable (adj) porous; allowing to pass through

ransack (v) rob and despoil something

turbulence (n) condition of being physically agitated; disturbance

unconditional (adj) with no conditions or limitations

VOCABULARY 12

concise (adj) in few words; brief; condensed

criteria (n) a standard of judgment or criticism; a rule or principle for evaluating or testing something

haggard (adj) tired-looking; fatigued

innocuous (adj) harmless; innocent

jargon (n) the language, esp. the vocabulary, peculiar to a particular trade, profession, or group

metamorphosis (n) change of form

objective (n) purpose; goal; target

pernicious (adj) dangerous;; harmful

sporadic (adj) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent

uncanny (adj) of a strange nature; weird