

Vocabulary 1

1. collectivism – noun, the political principle of centralized social and economic control, esp. of all means of production.
2. individualism- noun, a social theory advocating the liberty, rights, or independent action of the individual.
3. altruism – noun, the principle or practice of unselfish concern for or devotion to the welfare of others, opposite of egoism
4. egoism – noun, the habit of valuing everything only in reference to one's personal interest; selfishness
5. conformity – noun, action in accord with prevailing social standards, attitudes, or practices
6. independence – noun, freedom from the control, influence, support, or aid of others
7. selflessness – noun, displaying little concern for oneself; unselfish
8. free will – noun, the doctrine that the conduct of human beings expresses personal choice and is not simply determined by physical or divine forces.
9. utopia – noun, An ideally perfect place, especially in its social, political, and moral aspects.
10. dystopia -- a society characterized by human misery, as squalor, oppression, disease, and overcrowding.
11. abyss – bottomless hole

Vocabulary 2

1. advocacy - adj– support for an idea or cause
2. approbation -noun– official approval, praise, or commendation
3. atone -verb– to make amends
4. baseness -adj– the quality of lacking higher morals
5. defile -verb– to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
6. depravity -noun– moral corruption
7. discern -verb – to differentiate between two or more things
8. ecstasy -noun – extreme happiness
9. fluid -adj– smooth and effortless
10. furrow -verb – to make wrinkles or grooves

Vocabulary 3

1. heedless – disregarding, thoughtless
2. illustrious – famous, outstanding
3. Infamous – having a notoriously bad reputation
4. lassitude – fatigue; weariness
5. perishable – likely to decay or to spoil
6. portal – a doorway
7. raze – to completely destroy
8. revere – to honor, to regard with respect
9. sieve – a utensil for sifting or straining
10. submissive – yielding or surrendering oneself to the will of another

Vocabulary 4

1. tarry – to delay, to linger
2. vindictive – revengeful, spiteful
3. virtuous – having excellent morals; righteous
4. whim – a sudden and impulsive action
5. acrid – bitter, harsh (relates to taste or smell)
6. benevolence – kindness, generosity, charity
7. capitulate – to surrender
8. cynical – given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm; exhibiting mocking disbelief
9. didactic – instructive, designed to teach
10. demur- to hesitate, to delay, to object

Vocabulary 5

1. zealot- one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor
2. wanton – immoral; lewd
3. vulgarity -something offensive to good taste and refinement
4. urbane – having a refined manner, suave, and elegant
5. subtle- delicate, elusive, not obvious
6. spurious – false or deceitful
7. repudiate – to reject, to disown, to disavow
8. pugnacious – looking for a fight, combative, belligerent
9. pretentious – making an extravagant outward show, self-important
10. omnipotent – having unlimited power

Vocabulary 6

1. palpable – tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
2. ossify - to change or harden into bone, to be rigidly conventional
3. scruple - noun; a moral or ethical consideration or standard that acts as a restraining force or inhibits certain actions.
4. lucid – easily understood; mentally sound
5. incurious-uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
6. gratuitous -given freely, unwarranted
7. fecund- capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity
8. effigy- a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)
9. debauchery - moral corruption
10. constrict - to tighten or to make narrow

Vocabulary 7

1. alcove – a partially enclosed extension of a room or part of a room
2. balk – to defeat, check, or stop as if by a barrier
3. commodious- affording ample space and room; adapted to or suitable for use
4. dupe – to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk
5. enunciate – to pronounce clearly
6. fret - to worry or be annoyed
7. infallible – incapable of error
8. labyrinthine – like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
9. neurotic – an emotionally unstable person; emotionally unstable
10. anchor - verb; to secure firmly

Vocabulary 8

1. rotund- adj; rounded
2. saboteur – one who destroys property or normal operations (usually in a war effort)
3. torpid – adj; sluggish, inactive, dull
4. abstruse – adj; difficult to understand; concealed
5. aloof – adj; apart; indifferent
6. apathy – noun; a lack of concern or feeling; indifferent
7. bourgeois – noun; a person with the traits or viewpoints of the middle class, (mediocre) (French Revolution)
8. forbearance – noun; patience, lenience
9. knoll – noun; small round hill
10. myriad – adj; a very large and indefinite number

Vocabulary 9

1. adulation – extreme praise or admiration
2. avarice – greed for wealth
3. benevolence – kindness, generosity, charity
4. daunt – to intimidate, to dismay
5. din- loud and discordant noises; cacophony
6. empirical – based on observation or experiment and not on theory
7. equivocal – ambiguous (usually intended to mislead)
8. gambol- to playfully skip or leap
9. indignation – anger as a result of something unjust
10. loathe – to detest, to hate

Vocabulary 10

1. deus ex machine -- an artificial device introduced suddenly in a drama to resolve a situation or untangle a plot (such as an angel suddenly appearing to solve problems, or the entire story having been just a dream one of the characters was having)
2. anagnorisis – (recognition) the hero's sudden realization of his fate
3. Peripeteia – reversal of fortune
4. chorus -- a body of commentators that often reinforce the moral of the story
5. Oedipus Complex – unnatural attachment to one's mother (for boys) or to one's father (for girls)
6. oikos – family (Ancient Greek word)
7. polis – city, state, citizenship (Ancient Greek Word)
8. hubris – excessive pride; arrogance
9. foil- a character who emphasizes the traits of a main character by contrast
10. soliloquy – an extended, uninterrupted speech given by a character who is alone on stage (talks to himself)

Vocabulary 11

1. augury – an omen or prophecy
2. belie - to contradict, to give a false impression
3. insolence – insulting or contemptuous behavior
4. piety – devotion and reverence to God
5. portent - a sign or forewarning
6. quell – to quiet or to put down a disturbance
7. temperate – exercising self-control
8. woe – great sorrow, grief, or misfortune
9. wheedle – to try to convince by flattery, to coax, to cajole
10. rend – to tear violently, to split

Vocabulary 12

1. bequeath – to hand down, to give or to leave in a will
2. gravity (adj) – seriousness, importance
3. ignoble – of lowly origin, without honor
4. waver - v; to show doubt or uncertainty about what to do
5. wrath - n; intense anger
6. unwitting – not intentional, without knowledge
7. daunt – to intimidate, to dismay
8. giddy – dizzy
9. requite – to make repayment or to return
10. haughty – arrogant, excessively proud and vain

Vocabulary 13

1. anachronism - an error in chronology in which a person, object, or event is assigned a date or period other than the correct one
2. auspicious – favored by fortune
3. alchemist – one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
4. flourish – to thrive, to grow well
5. grievous – severe suffering or sorrow
6. mettle – courage or spirit
7. soothsayer – a person who is able to predict the future, seer
8. vouchsafe – to grant in a condescending manner
9. vexation – discomfort or distress
10. cull – verb; to pick or to select

Vocabulary 14

1. allusion – a reference in one work to another work
2. misconstrue - verb; to misinterpret; to misunderstand
3. vanquished – conquered; overpowered
4. disconsolate – adjective; unhappy; not to be comforted
5. malice – desire to harm others
6. mutinous – rebellious, unruly
7. covert – secret, concealed
8. bestow – to grant or to give
9. clamor - loud noise or shouting
10. abridge – to shorten; to diminish

Vocabulary 15

1. Bondsman – slave
2. consul – the chief magistrate and highest official in Roman Empire
3. Plebian – the common people
4. praetor – Roman judge or magistrate, next to consul in rank
5. Rabblement/ Rout – the rabble, mob
6. tribune – a magistrate who protects the rights of the lower classes
7. triumvirate – rule by three men
8. parley – conference between opposing forces
9. tributaries – captives who had to pay a tribute, or ransom, to Rome before they could obtain freedom
10. ensign – the flag (standard) or standard bearer

Vocabulary 16

1. acquiesce – to give in, to comply
2. apprehend – to seize, arrest, take into custody; to understand; become aware of
3. ardent – expressing strong feelings, impassioned, zealous
4. boisterous – rowdy, rough, and stormy
5. chagrin – vexation (a word from week 13) through humiliation, hurt pride, or disappointment
6. decorum – appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior
7. destitution – state of being extremely poor
8. disdain – intense dislike, to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
9. effusion – a pouring forth (usually overdone in writing or speech)
10. esteem – approval and respect often blended with fondness