

## Romantic Literature Vocab Set 1

### Gray - Wordsworth

**aspire** (ə sp\_ r̄) *vi.*, seek to achieve lofty goals. *Many of this year's college graduates aspire to professional careers as lawyers and doctors.*

**blight** (bl\_ t) *vt.*, destroy, prevent growth. *Farmers worry that the locusts will blight their crops.*

**contemplate** (ka\_n' təm pla\_ t) *vt.*, think about carefully. *You should contemplate the consequences of your actions.*

**dirge** (d\_rj) *n.*, funeral song. *As the mourners entered the cathedral, the organist began to play a dirge.*

**emphatic** (em fat' ik) *adj.*, forceful, definite. *The soldiers' emphatic replies satisfied the officers.*

**erroneous** (ər rō\_ n' ne\_ əs) *adj.*, based on error, wrong. *When they discovered a miscalculation, the scientists declared that the lab results were erroneous.*

**hapless** (ha' pləs) *adj.* having no luck. *One accident after another had befallen the hapless student.*

**ignoble** (i\_ no\_ bəl) *adj.*, dishonorable, mean. *The politician's cruel lies about his opponent confirm the reports of his ignoble behavior.*

**ingenuous** (in jen' yo\_ o əs) *adj.*, artless, naive. *The child's ingenuous answers charmed the reporters.*

**jocund** (jāk' ənd) *adj.*, cheerful, pleasant (used in poem as an adverb). *The jocund host set the tone for the lively party.*

**kindred** (kin' drid) *adj.*, related, similar. *Are the ideas expressed in this philosophy kindred to your own?*

**manacle** (man' ə kəl) *n.*, handcuff, shackle. *Rusted manacles hung from hooks on the old prison's walls.*

**obscure** (əb skyo\_ or') *adj.*, faint, undefined. *The point of the lecturer's speech was so obscure that most people left the auditorium confused.*

**organic** (ôr\_ an' ik) *adj.*, inherent, inborn. *The judge possesses an organic sense of fairness.*

**ostentatiously** (a\_s' tən ta\_ shəs le\_) *adv.*, in a showy display. *Expensive homes are featured ostentatiously in the architectural magazine.*

**principal** (prin' sə pəl) *adj.*, main or chief. *The principal damage from the fire was caused by smoke.*

**provoke** (pro\_ vo\_ k') *vt.*, stir up action or feeling. *Such angry threats are sure to provoke a fight.*

**secluded** (si klo\_ od' id) *adj.*, hidden from public view. *We couldn't see the secluded campsite from the highway.*

**sinew** (sin' yü) *n.* tendon or nerve. *The strenuous exercises stretched the sinews of Tara's leg muscles.*

**sordid** (sôr' did) *adj.*, ignoble, squalid. *The polite, well-dressed young man seemed out of place in his sordid surroundings.*