Irving: “The Devil and Tom Walker”

prevalent adj.: widely existing; frequent.

stagnant adj.: not flowing or moving.

precarious adj.:uncertain; insecure; risky.

impregnable adj.:impossible to capture or enter by force.

melancholy adj.: sad; gloomy.

obliterate v.: erase or destroy.

avarice n.: greed.

resolute adj.:determined; resolved; unwavering.

parsimony n .:stinginess.

superfluous adj.: more than is needed or wanted; useless.

Hawthorne: Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment

venerable adj.: worthy of respect, usually by reason of age.

infamous adj.: having a bad reputation; disgraceful.

ponderous adj.: very heavy.

veracious adj.: honest; truthful.

effervescent adj.:bubbling up;

foaming. imputed v.: credited; assigned.

delusion n.: false belief or opinion.

deferential adj.: showing respect or courteous regard.

 effaced v.: erased; wiped out.

transient adj.:temporary; passing quickly or soon.

Emerson: “Of Nature” and “Self-Reliance”

admonishing v. used as adj.: gently warning.  
integrate v.: unify.  
perennial adj.: persistent; constant.  
blithe adj.: carefree.  
occult adj.: hidden.

conviction n.: fixed or strong belief.

imparted v.: revealed.

manifest adj.: plain; clear.

transcendent adj.:excelling; surpassing.

integrity n.: sound moral principles; honesty.

Thoreau: “Walden”

pertinent adj.: to the point; applying to the situation.

encumbrance n.: burden; hindrance.

impervious adj.:resistant; incapable of being penetrated.

temporal adj.: temporary.

superficial adj.: not profound; shallow.

effete adj.: sterile; unproductive.

incessantly adv.: without stopping.

derision n.: ridicule; contempt.

tumultuous adj.: noisy and disorderly; stormy.

ethereal adj.: not earthly; spiritual.