Vocab 9

1. Assertion—a declaration or statement
2. Candid—completely honest, straightforward
3. Clarity—clearness in thought or expression
4. Cohesive—condition of sticking together
5. Conjecture—inference; guesswork
6. Discourse—verbal expression or exchange; conversation
7. Eloquence—the ability to speak vividly or persuasively
8. Emphasize—to give special attention to something; to stress
9. Euphemism—a mild, indirect, or vague term substituting for a hard, blunt, or offensive term
10. Extrapolate—to infer or estimate by extending or projecting known information
11. Fluid—easy flowing
12. Implication—the act of suggesting or hinting
13. Incoherent—lacking cohesion or connection
14. Insinuate—to imply or communicate stealthily
15. Lucid—easily understood, clear
16. Rhetoric—the are of using language effectively and persuasively
17. Inherent—inborn; built in
18. Inveterate—long established; deep-rooted; habitual
19. Omnipotent—all-powerful
20. Proximity—Closeness
21. Acumen-quickness, accuracy, and keenness of judgment or insight
22. Adroit—dexterous; deft
23. Ascertain-to find out, as through investigation or experimentation
24. Circumspect-careful; prudent; discreet
25. Disseminate-to scatter widely, as in sowing seed or information
26. Erudition-deep, extensive learning
27. Husbandry—the application of scientific principles to agriculture, especially to animal breeding
28. Pedantic—excessively concerned with book learning and formal rules
29. Perspicacious—shrewd; clear-sighted
30. Malfeasance—wrongdoing; misconduct

Vocab 10

1. Pragmatic-practical
2. Precocious-exhibiting unusually early intellectual aptitude or maturity
3. Prospectus—formal proposal
4. Rudimentary—basic; elementary; in the earliest stages of development
5. Acquired—developed or learned; not naturally occurring
6. Conception--the ability to form or understand an idea
7. Conviction—a fixed or strong belief
8. Dogmatic-stubbornly adhering to unproved beliefs
9. Enlightening-informative; contributing to one’s awareness
10. Impression—a feeling or understanding resulting from an experience
11. Intuition—the power of knowing things without thinking, sharp insight
12. Misconception-an incorrect understanding or interpretation
13. Perception-awareness; insight
14. Perspective—point of view
15. Profound—having great depth or seriousness
16. Arbiter—a judge who decides a disputed issue
17. Biased—prejudiced
18. Conciliatory—appeasing; soothing; showing willingness to reconcile
19. Credible—capable of being belied; plausible
20. Exculpate—to free from guilt or blame
21. Exonerate—to free from blame
22. Impartial—not in favor of one side or the other; unbiased
23. Incontrovertible—not able to be denied or disputed
24. Indict—to officially charge with wrongdoing or a crime
25. Integrity—trustworthiness; completeness
26. Litigious—prone to engage in lawsuits
27. Objectivity—treating facts without influence or personal feelings or prejudices
28. Partisan (adj)—devoted to or biased in support of a party, group, or cause
29. Parity—equality, as in amount, status, or value (ant. Disparity)
30. Penitent—expressing remorse for one’s misdeeds

Vocab 11

1. Plausible—seemingly valid or acceptable; credible
2. Rectitude—moral uprightness; righteousness
3. Remiss—lax in attending to duty; negligent
4. Repudiate—to reject the validity or authority of
5. Sanctimonious—feigning piety or righteousness
6. Scrupulous—principled, having a strong sense of right and wrong; conscientious and exacting
7. Solicitous—concerned
8. Sophistry—plausible, but misleading or fallacious argument
9. Substantiate— to support with proof or evidence; verified
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29. Enmity—mutual hatred or ill-will
30. Heinous—hatefully evil; abominable

Vocab 12

1. Sanctimonious—feigning piety or righteousness
2. Scrupulous—principled, having a strong sense of right and wrong; conscientious and exacting
3. Solicitous—concerned
4. Sophistry—plausible, but misleading or fallacious argument
5. Substantiate— to support with proof or evidence; verified
6. Veracity—adherence to the truth; truthfulness
7. Vindicate—to free from blame
8. Averse—strongly disinclined
9. Conspicuous—easy to notice; obvious (ANT. Inconspicuous)
10. Demure—modest and reserved
11. Diffidence—timidity or shyness
12. Docile—submissive to instruction; willing to be taught
13. Innocuous—having no adverse effect; harmless
14. Placid—calm or quiet; undisturbed
15. Quiescent—quiet, still, or at rest; inactive
16. Decorous—proper’ marked by good taste
17. Equanimity—the quality of being calm and even-tempered; composure
18. Modest—quiet or humble in manner or appearance
19. Propriety—exercising good judgment or common sense
20. Serene—calm
21. Staid—unemotional; serious
22. Stoic—indifferent to pleasure or pain; impassive
23. Affable—easy-going; friendly
24. Alacrity—promptness in response; cheerful readiness; eagerness
25. Amiable—friendly; agreeable; good=-natured
26. Benign—kind and gentle
27. Sanguine—cheerfully confident; optimistic
28. Alleviate—to ease a pain or burden
29. Asylum—a place of retreat or security
30. Deleterious—having a harmful effect; injurious

Vocab 13

1. Beneficial—producing or promoting a favorable result; helpful
2. Benevolent—well-meaning; generous
3. Benign—kind and gentle
4. Curative—able to heal or cure
5. Mollify—to calm or soothe
6. Palliative—relieving or soothing the symptoms of a disease or disorder without effecting a cure
7. Reclamation—the act of making something useful again
8. Sanction—to give official authorization or approval
9. Therapeutic—having or exhibiting healing powers
10. Affable—easy-going; friendly
11. Amenable—responsive; agreeable
12. Camaraderie—good will between friends
13. Cordial—friendly; sincere
14. Facetious—playfully humorous
15. Candor—sincerity; openness
16. Frank—open and sincere in expression; straightforward
17. Belie—to misrepresent or disguise
18. Debunk—to expose untruths, shams, or exaggerated claims
19. Dubious—doubtful; of unlikely authenticity
20. Duplicitous—deliberately deceptive
21. Fabricate— to make up in order to deceive
22. Fallacy—a false notion
23. Hypocrisy—the practice of pretending to be something one is not; insincerity
24. Mendacious—lying; untruthful
25. Slander—false charges and malicious oral statement about someone
26. Specious—having the ring of truth or plausibility but actually false
27. Spurious—not genuine
28. Augment—to make greater, as in size, extent or quantity; to supplement
29. Bolster—to hearten, support or prop up
30. Burgeon—to grow and flourish

Vocab 14

1. Grandiose—great in scope or intent; grand
2. Prodigious—enormous
3. Profundity—great depth of intellect, feeling, or meaning
4. Redouble—to make twice as great; to double
5. Scintillating--brilliant
6. Condescending—treating people as weak or inferior
7. Contemptuous—feeling hatred; scornful
8. Despotic—exercising absolute power; tyrannical
9. Dictatorial—domineering; oppressively overbearing
10. Disdain—contempt; scorn, to regard or treat with contempt; to look down on
11. Haughty—arrogant; vainly proud
12. Imperious—arrogantly domineering or overbearing
13. Patronizing—treating in a condescending manner
14. Cajole—to urge with repeated appeals, teasing, or flattery
15. Chicanery—trickery
16. Obsequious—fawning and servile
17. Sycophant—Insincere, obsequious flatterer
18. Vicarious—felt or undergone as if one were taking part in the experience or feelings of another
19. Vignette—a short scene or story
20. Exemplary—commendable; worthy of imitation
21. Idealize—to consider perfect
22. Laudatory—giving praise
23. Paramount—of chief concern or importance
24. Sporadic—occurring at irregular intervals; having no pattern 9or order in time
25. Vacillate—to sway from one side to the other; oscillate
26. Whimsical—characterized by whim; unpredictable
27. Debacle—disastrous or ludicrous defeat or failure; fiasco
28. Debilitate—impair the strength of; weaken
29. Tumultuous—noisy and disorderly
30. Brittle—easily broken when subject to pressure

Vocab 15

1. Catalog—to make an itemized list of
2. Facile—done or achieved with little effort; easy
3. Fastidious—possessing careful attention to detail; difficult to please
4. Hierarchy—a group organized by rank
5. Meticulous—extremely careful and precise
6. Pragmatic—practical
7. Solvent—able to pay’s one’s debts
8. Amalgam—a combination of diverse elements; a mixture
9. Inundate—to overwhelm as if with a flood; to swamp
10. Multifarious—diverse; various
11. Multiplicity—state of being various or manifold; a great number
12. Dearth—Scarce supply; lack
13. Inconsequential--unimportant
14. Modicum—a small, moderate, or token amount
15. Paucity—smallness in number; scarcity
16. Squander—to spend wastefully
17. Superficial—concerned only with what is on the surface or obvious; shallow
18. Temperate—moderate; restrained (ANT. Intemperate)
19. Tenuous—Having little substance or strength; shaky
20. Trivial—of little importance or significance
21. Embellish—to make beautiful by ornamenting; to decorate
22. Florid—describing flowery or elaborate speech
23. Opulent—exhibiting a display of great wealth
24. Ornate—elaborately decorated
25. Ostentatious—describing a showy or pretentious display
26. Poignant—profoundly moving; touching
27. Complement (n)—something that completes, goes with, or brings to perfection
28. Epitome—a representative or example of a type
29. Felicitous—admirably suited; apt
30. Elusive—difficult to Capture, as in something actually fleeting

Vocab 16

1. Emigrate—to leave one country or region and settle in another
2. Bombastic—given to pompous speech or writing
3. Ebullience—intense enthusiasm
4. Effusive---emotionally unrestrained; gushy
5. Egregious—conspicuously bad or offensive
6. Embellish—to ornament or decorate; to exaggerate
7. Exorbitant—exceeding all bounds, as of custom or fairness
8. Exuberant—full of unrestrained enthusiasm or joy
9. Flagrant—extremely or deliberately shocking or noticeable
10. Frenetic—wildly excited or active
11. Gratuitous—given freely; unearned; unwarranted
12. Lavish—Extravagant
13. Lugubrious—mournful, dismal, or gloomy, especially to an exaggerate or ludicrous degree
14. Opulent—displaying great wealth
15. Ornate—elaborately decorated
16. Penchant—a strong inclination or liking
17. Redundant—needlessly repetitive
18. Superfluous—extra; unnecessary
19. Ubiquitous—being or seeming to be everywhere at the same time; omnipresent
20. Astute—shrewd; clever
21. Clandestine—secretive
22. Coup—a brilliantly executed plan
23. Disingenuous—not straightforward; crafty
24. Ingenuous—lacking in cunning, guile, or worldliness (ANT. Disingenuous)
25. Ruse—a crafty trick
26. Stratagem—a clever trick used to deceive or outwit
27. Subterfuge—a deceptive stratagem or device
28. Surreptitiously—done by secretive means
29. Wary—on guard
30. Wily—cunning

Vocab 17

1. Abstruse—difficult to understand
2. Callous—emotionally hardened; unfeeling
3. Convoluted—intricate; complex
4. Cryptic—difficult to comprehend
5. Enigma—a puzzle, mystery or riddle
6. Futile—having no useful purpose; pointless
7. Impede—to slow the progress of
8. Inscrutable—difficult to fathom or understand; impenetrable
9. Obscure—relatively unknown, to conceal or make indistinct
10. Quandary—a state of uncertainty or perplexity
11. Reticent—inclined to keep silent; reserved
12. Staid—unemotional; serious
13. Apprehension—anxiety or fear about the future
14. Harbinger—something that indicates what is to come; a forerunner
15. Ominous—menacing; threatening
16. Onerous—troublesome or oppressive; burdensome
17. Portent—indication of something important or calamitous about to occur; omen
18. Premonition—a feeling about the future
19. Prescience—knowledge of actions or events before they occur; foreknowledge; foresight
20. Timorous—timid; fearful about the future
21. Trepidation—uncertainty; apprehension
22. Transient—passing away with time; passing from one place to another
23. Transitory—short-lived or temporary
24. Arcane—known or understood by only a few
25. Assimilate—to absorb or become absorbed; to make or become similar
26. Autonomy—independence; self-determination
27. Cosmopolitan—worldly; widely sophisticated
28. Derivative (n)—something that comes from another source
29. Entourage—a group of attendants or associates; a retinue
30. Esoteric—intended for or understood by only a small group

Vocab 18  
1. Gaffe—a clumsy social error; a faux pas

2. Idiosyncrasy—characteristic peculiar to an individual or group

3. Insular—isolated; narrow or provincial

1. Orthodox—adhering to the traditional and established, especially in religion
2. Potentate—one who has the power and position to rule over others; monarch
3. Brevity---the quality or state of being brief in duration
4. Expedient—appropriate to purpose; convenient; speedy
5. Transient—passing quickly in time or space
6. Anachronistic-the representation of something as existing or happening in the wrong time period
7. Archaic—characteristic of an earlier time; antiquated; old
8. Dilatory—habitually late
9. Ephemeral—lasting for only a brief time
10. Redolent---fragrant; aromatic; suggestive
11. Temporal—of, relating to, or limited by time
12. Indolent—lazy
13. Insipid—uninteresting; unchallenging
14. Listless—lacking energy
15. Torpor—laziness; inactivity; dullness
16. Austere—without decoration; strict
17. Banal—drearily commonplace; predictable; trite
18. Hackneyed—worn out through overuse; trite
19. Insipid—uninteresting; unchallenging; lacking taste or savor
20. Mediocrity—the state or quality of being average; of moderate to low quality
21. Mundane—commonplace; ordinary
22. Ponderous—extremely dull
23. Prosaic—unimaginative; dull (ANT. Poetic)
24. Sedentary--not migratory; settled
25. Soporific—inducing or tending to induce sleep
26. Vapid—Lacking liveliness, animation, or interest; dull
27. Archaic—characteristic of an earlier period; old-fashioned

Vocab 19

1. Medieval—referring to the Middle-Ages; old-fashioned
2. Obsolete—no longer in use; old-fashioned
3. Innovative—introducing something new
4. Naïve—lacking sophistication
5. Nascent—coming into existence, emerging
6. Novel—strikingly new or unusual
7. Novice—a beginner
8. Aesthetic—having to do with the appreciation of beauty
9. Anthology—a collection of literary pieces
10. Aural—of or related to the ear or the sense of hearing
11. Cacophony—discordant, unpleasant noise
12. Contemporary—current, modern; from the same time
13. Dilettante—one with an amateurish or superficial understanding of a field of knowledge
14. Dirge—a funeral hymn or lament
15. Eclectic—made up of a variety or sources or styles
16. Excerpt—a selected part of a passage or a scene
17. Genre—describing a category or artistic endeavor
18. Incongruous—lacking in harmony; incompatible
19. Medley—an assortment or a mixture, especially of musical pieces
20. Mural—a large painting applied directly to a wall or ceiling surface
21. Narrative—characterized by telling of a story; a story
22. Parody—an artistic work that imitates the style of another work for comic effect
23. Realism—artistic representation that aims for visual accuracy
24. Sonorous---producing a deep or full sound
25. Strident—loud, harsh, grating, or shrill
26. Virtuoso—a tremendously skilled artist
27. Extraneous—irrelevant; inessential
28. Juxtapose—to place side by side, especially for comparison or contrast
29. Superfluous—extra; unnecessary
30. Synergy—combined action or operation

Vocab 20

1. Tangential—merely touching or slightly connected; only superficially relevant
2. Belligerent—eager to fight; hostile or aggressive
3. Brusque—rudely abrupt
4. Byzantine—extremely complicated or devious
5. Cantankerous—ill-tempered and quarrelsome; disagreeable
6. Caustic—bitingly sarcastic or witty
7. Contentious—quarrelsome
8. Deleterious—having a harmful effect
9. Exacerbate—to increase the severity, violence, or bitterness of; aggravate
10. Flippant—disrespectfully humorous or casual
11. Fractious—quarrelsome; unruly
12. Incorrigible—unable to be reformed
13. Ingrate—an ungrateful person
14. Insolent—insulting in manner or speech
15. Nefarious---flagrantly wicked; vicious
16. Notorious—known widely and usually unfavorably; infamous
17. Pernicious—extremely or irrevocably harmful; deadly
18. Pugnacious—combative; belligerent
19. Rancorous—marked by bitter, deep-seated ill-will
20. Reprehensible—worthy of blame
21. Repugnant—arousing disgust or aversion; offensive or repulsive
22. Tawdry—gaudy and cheap
23. Ambiguous—open to more than one interpretation
24. Ambivalent—simultaneously feeling opposing feelings; uncertain
25. Apathetic—feeling or showing little emotion
26. Capricious—impulsive and unpredictable
27. Equivocal—open to two or more interpretations and often intended to mislead; ambiguous (ANT. Unequivocal)
28. Erratic—markedly inconsistent
29. Impetuous—suddenly and forcefully energetic or emotional; impulsive and passionate
30. Impetus—an impelling force or stimulus

Vocab 21

1. Malice—extreme ill-will or spite
2. Putrid—rotten
3. Rancorous—hateful; marked by deep-seated ill-will
4. Toxic—poisonous
5. Flag—to decline in vigor or strength; to tire; to droop
6. Jaded—worn out, wearied
7. Impinge—hinder; interfere with
8. Lament—express grief for; mourn
9. Melancholy—sadness; depression
10. Sanction—an economic or military measure put in place to punish another country
11. Truncated—Shortened; cut off
12. Castigate—to scold, rebuke or harshly criticize
13. Censure—to issue official blame
14. Denounce—to condemn openly
15. Reclusive—seeking or preferring seclusion or isolation
16. Relinquish—to retire from; give up or abandon
17. Renounce—to give up (a title, for example), especially by formal announcement
18. Vituperative—marked by harshly abusive condemnation
19. Defunct—no longer existing or functioning
20. Eradicate—to get rid of as if by tearing it up by the roots; abolish
21. Expurgate—to remove objectionable content before publication or release
22. Extirpate—to destroy
23. Quell—to put down forcibly; suppress
24. Raze—To level to the ground; demolish
25. Squelch—to crush as if by trampling; squash
26. Supplant—to usurp the place of, especially through intrigue or underhanded tactics
27. Stymie—to thwart or stump
28. Circumscribe—to draw a circle around; to restrict
29. Contiguous—sharing an edge or boundary; touching
30. Alienated—removed or disassociated from (friends, family, or homeland)

Vocab 22

1. Alliance—a union of two or more groups
2. Disparity—inequality in age, rank, or degree; difference
3. Servile—submissive; like a servant
4. Suppressed—subdued; kept from being circulated
5. Arid—describing a dry, rainless climate
6. Conflagration—a widespread fire
7. Invocation (n)—A call (usually upon a higher power) for assistance, support, or inspiration
8. Stratify---to layer or separate into layers
9. Concord—agreement (ANT. Discord)
10. Concur—to agree
11. Fastidious—carefully attentive to detail; difficult to please
12. Intransigence—refusal to moderate a position or to compromise
13. Jocular—characterized by or given to joking
14. Empathy—identification with and understanding of another’s situation, feelings, and motives
15. Extol—to praise highly
16. Laudatory—full of praise
17. Magnanimous—courageously or generously noble in mind and heart
18. Philanthropic—humanitarian; benevolent; relating to monetary generosity
19. Reciprocate—to mutually take or give; to respond in kind
20. Abase—to lower in rank, prestige, or esteem
21. Deride—to mock contemptuously
22. Derogatory—insulting or intended to insult
23. Discredit—to cause to be doubted
24. Effrontery—brazen boldness; presumptuousness
25. Ignominy—great personal dishonor or humiliation; disgraceful conduct
26. Impugn—to attack as false or questionable
27. Mar—To damage; especially in a disfiguring way
28. Vex—to annoy or bother; to perplex
29. Vindictive—Disposed to seek revenge; revengeful; spiteful