

AP Literature & Language Vocabulary List

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Vocabulary Unit One

1. Apropos (prep.) with regard to
2. Belabor (v.) (1) to discuss in too much detail; (2) to attack
3. Caprice (n.) A sudden and unaccountable change in mood or behavior
4. Depose (v.) to remove from office or power
5. Discomfit (v.) to embarrass and confuse
6. Ecstasy (n.) an intense joy or delight
7. Edification (n.) an improvement or enlightenment
8. Entity (n.) a being
9. Laborious (adj.) requiring mental or physical effort
10. Lethargy (n.) a state of sluggishness, inactivity, and apathy
11. Liturgy (n.) a pattern of prayer or worship
12. Magnum Opus (n.) the greatest work of an artist, writer, or composer
13. Malfeasance (n.) misconduct or wrongdoing, especially by a public official
14. Modus Operandi (n.) a specific manner of working
15. Restive (adj.) (1) resisting authority; difficult to control; (2) restless; fidgety
16. Stanch (adj.) firm and steadfast
17. Stasis (n.) a condition in which there is no change
18. Staunch (adj.) firm and steadfast
19. Surfeit (n.) the condition of being too full; an overabundance
20. Synergy (n.) the power that results from the combination of two or more forces

Vocabulary Unit Two

1. Appall (v) to fill with horror or disapproval
2. Candid (adj.) open and sincere
3. Candor (n.) frankness or sincerity of expression; an openness
4. Denigrate (v.) to attack the character of; to mock
5. Incandescent (adj.) shining brilliantly
6. Impair (v.) to cause to diminish in strength, value, or quality
7. Impeccable (adj.) having no flaws
8. Livid (adj.) enraged; furious
9. Malaise (n.) a sense of unease; depression
10. Malign (v.) to speak of maliciously; to insult
11. Malinger (v.) to pretend to be sick in order to avoid something
12. Negate (v.) to cancel the effect of; to nullify
13. Negligent (adj.) not properly attentive
14. Pallid (adj.) lacking color; dull
15. Pallor (n.) an extreme or unnatural paleness
16. Peccadillo (n.) a small sin or fault
17. Peccant (adj.) violating a moral law; sinful
18. Pejorative (adj.) negative and critical; insulting
19. Rapport (n.) a positive relationship
20. Verdant (adj.) greenery; lush with vegetation

Vocabulary Unit Three

1. Acquiesce (v.) to give in
2. Bacchanal (n.) a drunken party or celebration
3. Bacchic (adj.) of or related to a wild celebration
4. Elegiac (adj.) mourning that which is lost or past; sorrowful
5. Elegy (n.) a song or poem memorializing something or someone
6. Festoon (v.) to drape or adorn festively
7. Fete (v.) to honor with a banquet or feast
8. Jocose (adj.) cheerful; merry
9. Jocular (adj.) characterized by joking
10. Languid (adj.) lacking energy; weak
11. Languish (v.) to waste away
12. Languor (n.) a lack of physical or mental energy
13. Plaint (n.) a lament or complaint
14. Plaintive (adj.) sorrowful; expressing or evoking mourning or sadness
15. Quittance (n.) a repayment; a compensation
16. Requiem (n.) a song or religious service for the dead or lost
17. Somnolent (adj.) drowsy; sleepy
18. Sopor (n.) sleep; drowsiness
19. Soporific (adj.) causing sleep or fatigue
20. Vigilant (adj.) on the alert; watchful

Vocabulary Unit Four

1. Auspices (n.) protection or support; patronage
2. Auspicious (adj.) followed by favorable circumstances
3. Conferment (n.) the act of bestowing; a formal offer
4. Congested (adj.) overcrowded; too tightly packed
5. Consort (v./n.) (1) to keep company; to associate (2) a companion, especially a romantic one
6. Consortium (n.) a group of companies or institutions
7. Destine (v.) to intend for a specific end or purpose
8. Euphoria (n.) a feeling of great happiness or well-being
9. Fortuitous (adj.) happening by a lucky accident or chance; fortunate
10. Fortuity (n.) a chance or accident
11. Gestate (v.) to conceive and develop in the mind or body
12. Gesticulate (v.) to make gestures for emphasis
13. Importunate (adj.) extremely demanding; insistent
14. Importune (v.) to urge or beg without end
15. Insufferable (adj.) impossible to bear; intolerable
16. Periphery (n.) the outermost part or boundary
17. Predestination (n.) the belief that one's fate has been determined in advance by a higher power
18. Preferential (adj.) giving or showing an advantage to one over another
19. Propitiate (v.) to soothe or satisfy; to appease
20. Propitious (adj.) lucky; favorable

Vocabulary Unit Five

1. Catholic (adj.) covering a broad range; universal
2. Consummate (adj.) perfect or ideal, especially in skill or accomplishment
3. Desolate (adj.) deserted and lonely
4. Divulge (v.) to make public
5. Hoi Polloi (n.) the common people; the masses
6. Holistic (adj.) concerning the whole rather than the parts
7. Monosyllabic (adj.) having only one syllable
8. Monotone (n.) the sameness of sound, style, manner, or color
9. Monotonous (adj.) unvarying; lacking in variety
10. Parcel (v.) to divide into parts and distribute
11. Parse (v.) to examine or analyze
12. Polyglot (n.) a person with the knowledge of several languages
13. Polymath (n.) a person with the knowledge of many subjects
14. Repartee (n.) a quick, witty conversation
15. Solipsism (n.) the theory that the self is the only reality; self-absorption
16. Summation (n.) an accumulation; a total result
17. Totality (n.) completeness
18. Trenchant (adj.) sharply effective or insightful
19. Truncate (v.) to cut short in the middle
20. Vulgar (adj.) of the common people

Vocabulary Unit Six

1. Accede (v.) to agree, often at the urging of another
2. Adventitious (adj.) accidental; acquired
3. Ambiance (n.) the environmental surrounding; the atmosphere
4. Annex (v.) to attach oneself; to take over
5. Antecedent (n.) a preceding event, cause, or condition
6. Assertion (n.) something declared or stated positively
7. Certitude (n.) a certainty; an inevitability
8. Circuitous (adj.) roundabout or lengthy
9. Contravene (v.) to violate or go against
10. Disconcert (v./adj.) (1) to upset and confuse; (2) bothered; concerned
11. Dissertation (n.) formal and long paper, written for a degree at a university or college
12. Exertion (n.) the use of power and strength
13. Liaison (n.) an intermediary; a go-between
14. Ligature (n.) a binding or joining
15. Nexus (n.) the core or center; a connection
16. Obligatory (adj.) expected or required
17. Parvenu (n.) someone newly wealthy
18. Sedition (n.) an act or practice aimed at undermining authority; a rebellion
19. Transitory (adj.) short-lived or temporary
20. Vigilante (n.) someone who takes law enforcement into his or her own hands

Vocabulary Unit Seven

1. Abominable (adj.) loathsome; disagreeable
2. Abomination (n.) something disgustingly offensive
3. Demonstrative (adj.) openly expressive of emotions
4. Flagrant (adj.) noticeably bad or offensive
5. Flamboyant (adj.) intended to attract attention; showy
6. Fulminate (v.) to attack with words; to denounce
7. Illustrative (adj.) descriptive; serving as an example
8. Illustrious (adj.) well-known and distinguished
9. Incendiary (adj.) inflaming; provoking heat or anger
10. Incense (v.) to infuriate; to make passionately angry
11. Inflammatory (adj.) arousing anger or strong emotions
12. Luster (n.) a brilliance; a brightness
13. Metaphrase (n.) an exact translation or restatement
14. Ominous (adj.) menacing; threatening
15. Paradigm (n.) a pattern or a model
16. Phraseology (n.) the way in which something is expressed; a style
17. Refulgent (adj.) brilliantly illuminated; shining
18. Remonstrate (v.) to protest or object
19. Semantic (adj.) having to do with the meaning of words or language
20. Semiotic (adj.) of or relating to signs or symbols

Vocabulary Unit Eight

1. Attrition (n.) a gradual lowering in number
2. Acclivity (n.) a climbing slope; a hill
3. Contort (v.) to twist, wrench, or bend severely out of shape
4. Contrite (adj.) feeling regret and sorrow; penitent
5. Declivity (n.) a downward slope; a dip
6. Detrimental (adj.) causing damage or harm; injurious
7. Detritus (n.) debris; junk
8. Distort (v.) to misshape; to misrepresent
9. Diverge (v.) to branch out; to go different ways
10. Implicit (adj.) implied or understood but not directly expressed
11. Inexplicable (adj.) difficult or impossible to explain
12. Insinuate (v.) to suggest in an indirect or subtle fashion
13. Lenient (adj.) not strict; generous
14. Lenitive (adj.) easing pain or discord
15. Mollify (v.) to soothe the feelings of; to appease
16. Proclivity (n.) a natural tendency toward
17. Rudiment (n.) a basic idea or principle
18. Rudimentary (adj.) undeveloped; very basic or simple
19. Trite (adj.) boring because of overuse or repetition
20. Viridity (n.) a lack of experience; an innocence