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**Vocabulary List #9**  
Honors English

Instructions: 1) Define each word in terms you understand. Do not merely copy a complicated dictionary definition. Single synonyms or short informal phrases are fine providing you know what they mean. 2) List related forms of the word – with their parts of speech – and/or identifiable “word cells” within the word. 3) Write a sentence containing the word or one of its forms that illustrates you actually know what the word means and how it should be used in a sentence.

**mercurial (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**misgivings (n.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**morose (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**mortify (v.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**naïveté (n.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**nettle (v.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**noncommittal (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**noxious (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**oblivion (n.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**occult (n/adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary List #9, *continued*

**opaque (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**ornate (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**ostracize (v.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**penury (n.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**prolific (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**proximity (n.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**pernicious (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**pittance (n.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**plethora (n.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**poignant (adj.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Related Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

“A man with a scant vocabulary will almost certainly be a weak thinker. The richer and more copious one's vocabulary and the greater one's awareness of fine distinctions and subtle nuances of meaning, the more fertile and precise is likely to be one's thinking. Knowledge of things and knowledge of the words for them grow together. If you do not know the words, you can hardly know the thing.”

— Henry Hazlitt