

9th Grade Vocabulary List

accentuate
stress or single out as important

analogy
drawing a comparison in order to show a similarity

aspire
have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal

alliteration
use of the same consonant at the beginning of each word

antiboy
a protein that produces an immune response

bamboozle
conceal one's true motives from

bizarre
conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual

boisterous
marked by exuberance and high spirits

boycott
refusal to have commercial dealings with some organization

camouflage
an outward semblance misrepresenting the nature of something

commemorate
call to remembrance

chronology
an arrangement of events in time

cower
crouch or curl up

decorum
propriety in manners and conduct

deduction
the act of removing a part from the whole

deign
do something that one considers to be below one's dignity

despondent
without or almost without hope

dialogue
a conversation between two persons

divulge
make known to the public information previously kept secret

electic
selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas

ellipse
a closed plane curve with an oval shape

embargo
a government order imposing a trade barrier

exponent
notation of how many times to multiply a quantity by itself

enthusiastic
having or showing great excitement and interest

flourish
grow vigorously

fallacy
a misconception resulting from incorrect reasoning

exult
feel extreme happiness or elation

gargoyle
an ornament consisting of a grotesquely carved figure

formidable
extremely impressive in strength or excellence

guerrilla
a member of an irregular army that fights a stronger force

guru
a Hindu or Buddhist religious leader and spiritual teacher

heritage
that which is inherited

hieroglyphic
a writing system using picture symbols

hologram
a photograph for reproducing a three-dimensional image

hypocrisy
pretending to have qualities or beliefs that you do not have

immune
of the condition in which an organism can resist disease

introspection
contemplation of your own thoughts and desires and conduct

inference
a conclusion you can draw based on known evidence

impertinent
improperly forward or bold

jaunty
having a cheerful, lively, and self-confident air

jovial
full of or showing high-spirited merriment

kilometer
a metric unit of length equal to 1000 meters