

9th GRADE VOCABULARY

Brine

water saturated with salt; the water of a salt sea or lake

Cauterize

to sear with a cautery or caustic; to make insensible

Chattel

an item of property

Decoy

someone or something used to draw attention away from another

Desecration

an act or instance of treating disrespectfully, irreverently, or outrageously

Dilapidated

decayed, deteriorated, or fallen into partial ruin especially through neglect or misuse

Enigma

something hard to understand or explain

Extradite

to deliver up an alleged criminal from one authority (as a state or country) to another

Feasible

capable of being done or carried out

Feckless

weak, ineffective; worthless, irresponsible

Objective

not influenced by personal feelings or opinions; unbiased

Ruminate

to engage in contemplation

Sage

wise through reflection and experience

Sere

being dried and withered

Sporadic

occurring occasionally, singly, or in irregular or random instances

Stevedore

one who works at or is responsible for loading and unloading ships in port

Torrid

giving off intense heat

Upbraid

to reproach or criticize severely