

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary List

### Adulterate

to corrupt or make worse by addition of something of lesser value

### Augment

to make large or increase

### Bereft

deprived of; made unhappy through a loss

### Disparage

express a negative opinion which often results in a diminished value

### Dour

stern, unyielding, gloomy, or ill-humored

### Encapsulate

to enclose in

### Fortitude

courage in facing difficulty

### Insidious

intended to deceive or entrap; sly, treacherous

### Intimate

a hint or indirect suggestion

### Opulent

wealthy, luxurious, ample, grandiose

### Ostensible

of or related to motives or facts that are apparent but not necessarily real or true

### Pliable

easily bent; flexible; easily influenced

### Proscribe

command against

### Recede

move back or retreat

### Reiterate

to say again or repeat

### Sophistry

elaborate and eloquent but logically invalid arguments often intended to deceive

### Stolid

not easily moved mentally or emotionally; unresponsive

### Tentative

experimental in nature; uncertain; hesitant