11th Grade SAT Vocabulary List Seven

1. **Heretic n.** one who differs from accepted belief or theory
   Witches were hanged and burned as heretics by religious fanatics during the Puritan era.

2. **Inexorable adj.** inflexible; not movable by any means
   Her inexorable religious convictions led her to live a life of chastity and self-sacrifice as a nun.

3. **Aver v.** to state firmly and convincingly
   I averred my new year's resolutions on January 1st, only to break them the next day.

4. **Equivocal adj.** open to two interpretations; evasive, unclear
   His puzzling, equivocal answer left us all stunned and questioning his sanity.

5. **Garrulous adj.** extremely talkative; gabby, loquacious
   The garrulous teenage girls never tired of gossiping and talking about their boyfriends.

6. **Posit v.** to propose; suggest
   When he first posited his idea no one thought it would work, but as it turned out it has attributed to the success of the company.

7. **Proponent n.** one who talks in favor of something; an advocate
   John is hardly a proponent of sloth, he generally works sixty hours a week and sometimes more.

8. **Respite n.** rest, pause, lull; time of relief from activity
   Winter break will be welcome respite from my busy school schedule.

9. **Elucidate v.** to explain fully and clearly
   Mrs. Macintosh, our geometry teacher, is always willing to elucidate a problem if we don't understand it.

10. **Sagacious adj.** prudent; showing wisdom in one's understanding of things
    It is amazing how sagacious Joy is for a twelve-year-old; she has more sense than some thirty-year-olds I know.

11. **Atrophy v.** to wither, degenerate; to waste away
    When the doctor removed the cast from my arm, I found that my muscles had atrophied considerably.

12. **Burgeon v.** to flourish, to grow and quickly expand; bloom
    Ideas burgeon in people's minds just as flowers and weeds burgeon in soil.

13. **Affluent adj.** wealthy in a material sense
    In Haiti, there are few affluent people; most people are so indigent they live in small shacks.

14. **Tawdry adj.** cheap-looking; showy, gaudy
    Her sequined gown was tawdry enough, but the cheap costume jewelry made her outfit look even more ridiculous.

15. **Rancor n.** deep-seated bitterness; old enmity
    The rancor in the family made it impossible to celebrate holidays together without a fight ensuing.