

9th Grade Vocabulary
Semester 1- 2nd 9 weeks

Week 1

1. accomplice- (n.) a person who takes part in a crime
2. annihilate- (v.) to destroy completely
3. arbitrary- (adj.) unreasonable; based on one's own wishes or whims without regard for reason or fairness
4. brazen- (adj.) made of brass; shameless, impudent
5. catalyst- (n.) a substance that causes or hastens a chemical reaction; any agent that causes change
6. exodus- (n.) a large-scale departure or flight
7. facilitate- (v.) to make easier, assist
8. incorrigible- (adj.) not able to be corrected, beyond control
9. latent- (adj.) hidden, present but not realized
10. militant- (adj.) given to fighting; active and aggressive in support of a cause; (n.) activist

Week 2

1. morose- (adj.) having a gloomy or sullen manner; not friendly or sociable
2. opaque- (adj.) not letting light through, not clear or lucid; dense, stupid
3. paramount- (adj.) chief in importance, above all others
4. prattle- (v.) to talk in an aimless, foolish, or simple way; (n.) baby talk
5. rebut- (v.) to offer arguments or evidence that contradict an assertion; to refute
6. reprimand- (v.) to scold, find fault with; (n.) a rebuke
7. servitude- (n.) slavery, forced labor
8. slapdash- (adj.) careless and hasty
9. stagnant- (adj.) not running or flowing; foul from standing still. inactive, sluggish
10. succumb- (v.) to give away to superior force

Week 3

1. atone- (v.) to make up for
2. bondage- (n.) slavery; any state of being bound or held down
3. credible- (adj.) believable
4. defray- (v.) to pay for
5. diligent- (adj.) hardworking, industrious, not lazy
6. doleful- (adj.) sad, dreary
7. ghastly- (adj.) frightful, horrible; deathly pale
8. hamper- (v.) to hold back
9. hew- (v.) to shape or cut down with an ax; to hold to
10. impoverished- (adj.) poor; in a state of poverty; depleted

Week 4

1. incessant- (adj.) never stopping, going on all the time
2. intricate- (adj.) complicated, difficult to understand
3. lucid- (adj.) easy to understand, clear; rational, sane
4. posthumous- occurring or published after death
5. prim- (adj.) overly neat, precipice, proper, or formal, prudish
6. sardonic- (adj.) grimly or scornfully mocking, bitterly sarcastic
7. superfluous- (adj.) exceeding what is sufficient or required, excess
8. supplant- (v.) to take the place of, supersede
9. taunt- (v.) to jeer at, mock; (n.) a resulting or mocking remark
10. tenacious- (adj.) holding fast; holding together firmly; persistent