

Pre-AP Spring Vocabulary 2009

Week 1 – Tuesday, January 20 - 23

annul- v - to reduce to nothing; to make ineffective.
blasé - adj - indifferent, bored as a result of having enjoyed many pleasures; apathetic.
bolster – v - to support, give a boost to; a supporting post.
deplore – v - to feel or express regret or disapproval.
frivolous – adj - of little importance, not worthy of serious attention; not meant seriously.

Week 2 – January 26 - 30

muster – v - to bring together for service or battle; to gather or summon.
nonentity – n - a person or thing of no importance.
obsess – v - to trouble, haunt, or fill the mind.
ornate – adj - elaborately decorated; showily splendid.
oust – v - to remove drive out of a position or place.

Week 3 – February 2 - 6

auspicious – adj - marked by success; favorable.
boisterous – adj - loud, noisy, and lacking in restraint or discipline.
clandestine – adj - kept or done in secret.
edify – v - to instruct especially so as to encourage intellectual, moral, or spiritual improvement.
evanescent – adj - vanishing or likely to vanish like vapor; impermanent.

Week 4 – February 9 - 13

impudent – adj – disrespectful; characterized by offensively bold behavior.
mirth –n – gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter.
omniscient – adj – having infinite knowledge and awareness; all-knowing.
precarious – adj – dangerously lacking in security or stability.
soliloquy – n – a speech or dramatic monologue made to oneself to reveal thoughts.

Week 5 – Tuesday, February 17 - 20

zephyr – n - a gentle breeze; the west wind.
idiosyncrasy – n - a characteristic or quality peculiar to an individual; an oddity.
elicit – v - to bring or draw out a response; evoke.
embellish – v - to decorate; to make beautiful with ornamentation.
feign – v - to give a false appearance of; pretend.

Week 6 - February 23 – 27 - Study for your six weeks test!!!

Week 7 – Monday, March 2 - 6: NO VOCAB – TAKS TESTING!

Week 8 –March 9 - 13

lament – v - to mourn or express sorrow in a demonstrative manner.
raucous – adj - loud and boisterous; harsh, disorderly.
rhetoric – n - the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing.
squander – v - to spend wastefully or extravagantly; dissipate.
virulent – adj - extremely infectious, malignant, or poisonous.

SPRING BREAK! March 16 - 20

Week 9 – March 23 - 27

wan – adj - unnaturally pale; lacking vitality.
burnish – v - to make smooth or shiny by polishing.
didactic – adj - Intended to instruct.
epitaph – n - an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone).
diffident – adj - Lacking or marked by a lack of self-confidence; shy and timid.

WEEK 10 –March 30 – April 3

astute – adj - marked by practical hardheaded intelligence; sagacious.
trifling – adj - insignificant; frivolous.
zeal – n - enthusiastic pursuit of a cause, ideal, or goal.
austere – adj - stern and cold in appearance or manner; severe.
beguile – v - to mislead with skillful trickery; to persuade with charm.

Week 11 – April 6 – Thursday, April 9

bestow – v - to present as a gift or honor.

disdain – n - To regard or treat with haughty contempt; despise.

extemporaneous -adj - carried out or performed with little or no preparation; impromptu.

flout – v - to treat with contempt; scorn.

complacent – adj - Contented to a fault; self-satisfied and unconcerned.

Week 12 –Tuesday, April 14 – 17 - End of 5th six weeks!

malady – n - a disease or unwholesome condition; disorder.

perfunctory – n - Done routinely and with little interest or care.

fallacy – n - a deceptive, misleading, or false notion, belief, etc.

quandary – n - a state of uncertainty or perplexity.

vacillate – v - to swing indecisively from one course of action or opinion to another.

Week 13 – April 20 - 24

misnomer – n - a misapplied or inappropriate name or designation.

brevity – n - The quality or state of being brief in duration.

cacophony – n - a discordant and meaningless mixture of sounds:

fastidious – adj - Possessing or displaying meticulous attention to detail.

finagle – v - to obtain or achieve by indirect, usually deceitful methods; to cheat.

Week 14 – April 27 – May 1

gregarious – adj - seeking and enjoying the company of others; sociable.

glib – adj - performed with a natural, offhand ease:

litany – n – a repetitive recital or list.

Machiavellian – adj – characterized by cunning and deceit.

nirvana – n – an ideal condition of harmony, stability, or joy.

Week 15 –May 4 - 8

ostracize – v - to exclude from a group; to banish.

precocious – adj - displaying or characterized by unusually early development or maturity, especially in intelligence.

quintessential – adj – being the best or most typical of its kind.

narcissist – n – one who is excessively preoccupied with oneself.

malaise – n – a general sense of unease.

Week 16- May 11 - 15

harbinger – n - one that indicates or foreshadows what is to come; a warning.

candor – n - frankness or sincerity of expression; openness.

tentative – adj - unsure; uncertain; not definite or positive; hesitant.

vindictive – adj - marked by or resulting from a desire to hurt; spiteful.

disheveled – adj – being in loose disarray; marked by disorder; untidy.

Week 17 – May 18 - 22

facetious – adj - playfully jocular; humorous.

accolade – n – an expression of approval.

anomaly – n - one that is peculiar, irregular, abnormal, or difficult to classify.

ennui – n - listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; boredom.

epitome – n – the best or most representative example of a class or type.

Week 18 – Tuesday, May 26 - 29

ostentatious – adj – characterized by showiness meant to impress others; showy.

stoic – adj - seemingly indifferent to or unaffected by joy, grief, pleasure, or pain.

capricious – adj - characterized by or subject to whim; impulsive and unpredictable.

affable – adj - easy and pleasant to speak to; approachable.

denouement – n - the outcome of a sequence of events; the end result.

FINAL EXAMS Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3