

Eighth Grade Vocabulary- Spring Semester 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

Peruse – (v) to read thoroughly and carefully.

Porous – (adj) full of tiny holes; able to be penetrated by air or water.

Promontory – (n) a high point of land extending into water.

Prone – (adj) inclined, likely; lying face down.

Qualm – (n) a pang of conscience, uneasiness, misgiving, or doubt.

Week 4 – February 9 - 13

Recourse – (n) a person or thing turned to for help or advice; the act of seeking help or protection.

Residue – (n) a remainder, that which remains when a part has been used up or removed.

Solicitous – (adj) showing concern or care; fearful or anxious about someone or something.

Staid – (adj) serious and dignified; quiet or subdued in character or conduct.

Sustain – (v) to support, nourish, keep up; to bear up under, withstand.

Week 5 – Tuesday, February 17 - 20

Aghast – (adj) filled with amazement, disgust, fear, or terror.

Ample – (adj) more than enough, large, spacious.

Apparition – (n) a ghost or ghostly figure; an unexplained or unusual appearance.

Assert – (v) to declare or state as truth, maintain or defend, put forward forcefully.

Cower – (v) to crouch or shrink away from in fear or shame.

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

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

Week 8 – March 9 - 13

Disdain – (v) to look upon with scorn; to refuse scornfully.

Epitaph – (n) a brief statement written on a tomb or gravestone.

Ethical – (adj) having to do with morals, values, right and wrong; in accordance with standards of right conduct.

Facetious – (adj) humorous, not meant seriously.

Inaudible – (adj) not able to be heard.

SPRING BREAK! March 16 - 20

Week 9 – March 23 - 27

Indiscriminate – (adj) without restraint or control; unselective.

Intrigue – (v) to form and carry out plots; to puzzle or excite the curiosity.

Jurisdiction – (n) an area of authority or control; the right to administer justice.

Plausible – (adj) appearing true, reasonable, or fair.

Plebeian – (adj) common, vulgar; belonging to the lower class.

WEEK 10 – March 30 – April 3

Prodigal – (adj) wastefully extravagant; lavishly or generously abundant.

Proximity – (n) nearness; closeness.

Pulverize – (v) to grind or pound to a powder or dust; to destroy or overcome.

Sequel – (n) the which follows, a result; a literary work or film continuing the story made earlier.

Volatile – (adj) highly changeable, fickle; tending to become violent or explosive.

Week 11 – April 6 – Thursday, April 9

Abashed – (adj) embarrassed, ashamed, or nonplussed.
Aloof – (adj) withdrawn, standing apart from others (usually as a matter of choice).
Anguish – (n) great mental suffering, distress, or pain.
Bask – (v) to be in pleasant warmth; to take pleasure in or derive enjoyment from.
Defect – (n) an imperfection, flaw, or blemish of some kind.

Week 12 – Tuesday, April 14 – 17 (End of 5th Six Weeks!)

Finesse – (n) delicate skill; tact and cleverness.
Flaunt – (v) to wave or flutter showily; to display in a conceited, offensive way.
Forthright – (adj) frank, direct, straightforward.
Genial – (adj) cordial, pleasantly cheerful or warm.
Instill – (v) to add gradually; to introduce or cause to be taken in.

Week 13 – April 20 - 24

Ostracize – (v) to exclude from a group, banish, send away.
Premonition – (n) forewarning or foreboding of a future event.
Pseudonym – (n) a pen name, name assumed by a writer.
Purge – (v) to wash away impurities, clean up.
Repercussion – (n) an effect or consequence of some action or event, result.

Week 14 – April 27 – May 1

Resolute – (adj) bold, determined; firm.
Retentive – (adj) able to hold, keep, or recall; retaining knowledge easily.
Scapegoat – (n) a person or thing carrying the blame for others.
Acme – (n) the highest point.
Belittle – (v) to make something appear smaller than it is; to refer to in a way that suggests lack of importance.

Week 15 – May 4 - 8

Doctrine – (n) a belief, principle, or teaching; a system of such beliefs or principles.
Exotic – (adj) foreign; charmingly unfamiliar or strikingly unusual.
Haggard – (adj) thin, pale, and careworn as a result of worry or suffering.
Jaunty – (adj) lively, easy, and carefree in manner; smart or trim in appearance.
Juncture – (n) a joining together; the point at which two things are joined.

Week 16- May 11 - 15

Menial – (adj) lowly, humble, lacking importance or dignity.
Parry – (v) to ward off, fend off, deflect, evade, avoid.
Predatory – (adj) preying on, plundering, or piratical.
Ravage – (v) to destroy, lay waste, ruin.
Tawdry – (adj) showy and flashy but lacking in good taste.

Week 17 – May 18 - 22

Wallow – (v) to roll about in a lazy, clumsy, or helpless way.
Waver – (v) to move to and fro, become unsteady; to show lack of firmness or decision.
Crony – (n) a very close friend, pal, chum, buddy.
Divergent – (adj) going in different directions; different from each other.
Enmity – (n) hatred, ill-will.

Week 18 – Tuesday, May 26 - 29

Fervent – (adj) very earnest, emotional, passionate; extremely hot.
Gaunt – (adj) thin and bony, starved looking; bare, barren.
Infiltrate – (v) to pass through or gain entrance to gradually or stealthily.
Proxy – (n) an agent, substitute; a written permission allowing one person to act in another's place.
Stoical – (adj) self-controlled, not showing feeling in response to pleasure or pain.

FINAL EXAMS Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3