

9th Grade (Advanced) Vocabulary – Lessons 6-10

Lesson 6

Oppress: keep in subservience; govern; control; treat cruelly

Bigot: one who is intolerant of others

Nostalgia: a sentimental yearning to return to the past

Impartial: not biased; treating all equally

Impervious: not able to be affected or disturbed

Implausible: not believable; provoking disbelief

Lesson 7

Disingenuous: crafty, not straightforward, sneaky

Solace: comfort during a time of sorrow or disease

Unpretentious: modest; lacking pretention

Melancholy: sadness, depression, gloom; thoughtful reflection

Irresolute: unsure of how to act, undecided; indecisive

Malicious: with evil intent

Lesson 8

Tenacious: that which holds together with strength

Pernicious: causing insidious harm or ruin, hurtful or fatal

Avarice: greed for riches, miserly desire to gain and hoard money

Contemptuous: showing or expressing disdain, scornful

Petulant: moved to or showing sudden, impatient, irritation

Ebullience: high spirits, exhilaration, exuberance

Lesson 9

Impalpable: incapable of being perceived by the sense of touch, difficult for the mind to grasp easily

Taut: tense; emotionally or mentally strained

Incredulity: inability or unwillingness to believe

Cynicism: distrusting or disparaging the motives of others; showing contempt for accepted standards of honesty and morality

Skepticism: inclined to doubt or question accepted opinions, ideas, beliefs, etc.

Derision: ridicule or mockery

Lesson 10

Propitiate: to make favorably inclined: appease; conciliate

Beguiled: to influence by trickery; to take away from by cheating or deceiving

Rancor: bitter resentment or ill will; hatred

Suppress: put an end to, especially forcibly; prevent from being done, seen, heard or known

Marginalize: make or treat as insignificant; minority cultures have often been marginalized by majority cultures

Philanthropy: concern for fellow humans, especially through gifts that encourage and promote social welfare