

VOCABULARY 1

advocate (v) to plead in favor of; **(n)** supporter; defender

artifact (n) any object made by human beings, characteristic of an earlier time or cultural stage

berate (v) scold; reprove; reproach; criticize

disperse (v) to scatter; separate

insolvent (adj) bankrupt; not able to pay debts

pessimism (n) seeing only the gloomy side; hopelessness

reiterate (v) repeat; to state again

stamina (n) endurance

simulation (n) the act or process of pretending; feigning

vacuous (adj) containing nothing; empty

VOCABULARY 2

aghast (adj) 1. astonished; amazed; 2. horrified; terrified; appalled

cataclysm (n) a violent upheaval that causes great destruction or brings about a fundamental change

feasible (adj) reasonable; practical

hone (v) sharpen

necropolis (n) cemetery, esp. a large and elaborate one belonging to an ancient city

proportion (n) a relationship between things or parts of things with respect to comparative magnitude, quantity, or degree

relevant (adj) of concern; significant

sacred (adj) made or declared holy; worthy of respect

sarcophagus (n) a stone coffin, often inscribed or decorated with sculpture

succumb (v) submit to an overpowering force or yield to an overwhelming desire; give up or give in

VOCABULARY 3

alleviate (v) to lessen or make easier

blatant (adj) 1. obvious; unmistakable

contentious (adj) argumentative; quarrelsome

cynical (adj) bitterly or sneeringly distrustful, contemptuous, or pessimistic

dissonance (n) discord; inharmonious or harsh sound

distress (n) danger or difficulty; mental suffering or hardship

pinnacle (n) the highest point

relinquish (v) to let go; abandon

tedious (adj) boring

wayward (adj) 1. uncontrollably independent; 2. erratic or unpredictable

VOCABULARY 4

allocate (v) to set aside; designate; assign

biped (n) two-footed animal

conundrum (n) any question or thing of a perplexing nature

fervor (n) passion; intensity

hypocritical (adj) two-faced; deceptive

migrate (v) to move from one geographic region/location to another

nebulous (adj) 1. cloudy; hazy; 2. unclear; vague

replica (n) copy; representation

sustain (v) to keep up or keep going, as in an action or a process

verbose (adj) talkative; wordy

VOCABULARY 5

allusion (*n*) an indirect reference to something
community (*n*) gathering of people for a common interest/goal
docile (*adj*) manageable; obedient
fickle (*adj*) changeable; unpredictable
hypothetical (*adj*) assumed; uncertain
levee (*n*) a wall of earth built to prevent a river from flooding its banks
neophyte (*n*) newcomer; beginner
reprehensible (*adj*) wicked; disgraceful
trade (*n*) buying, selling, or exchanging items
versatile (*adj*) having many uses; multifaceted

VOCABULARY 6

alliance (*n*) an agreement between nations to work together for common interests
cache (*n*) 1. stockpile; store; heap; 2. hiding place for goods
dogmatic (*adj*) stubborn; biased; opinionated
famine (*n*) a severe shortage of food
jeopardy (*n*) danger
nettle (*v*) annoy; irritate
placate (*v*) pacify
repudiate (*v*) reject; cancel
succinct (*adj*) consisting of few words; concise
vex (*v*) to trouble the nerves; annoy

VOCABULARY 7

altercation (*n*) controversy; dispute
cacophony (*n*) a jarring or disagreeable sound of words
cower (*v*) crouch down in fear; to shrink and tremble
detract (*v*) to take away a part, as from quality, value, or reputation
dowdy (*adj*) drab; shabby
enhance (*v*) raise to a higher degree; intensify; magnify
placid (*adj*) serene; tranquil
proficient (*adj*) competent and skilled
sullen (*adj*) 1. showing resentment; 2. gloomy; dismal
vilify (*v*) slander

VOCABULARY 8

altruistic (*adj*) unselfish
craven (*adj*) cowardly; fearful
deity (*n*) a god or goddess
dubious (*adj*) doubtful; uncertain; skeptical; suspicious
karma (*n*) action, seen as bringing upon oneself inevitable results, good or bad, either in this life or in a reincarnation
notorious (*adj*) infamous; renowned
plethora (*n*) condition of going beyond what is needed; excess; overabundance
province (*n*) a territory that is part of a country or an empire
respite (*n*) recess; rest period
sunder (*v*) break; split in two