

Vocabulary Unit Five

1. Acuity (n.) sharpness (particularly of the mind or senses)
2. Delineate (v.) to portray, sketch, or describe in accurate and vivid detail; to represent pictorially
3. Depraved (adj.) marked by evil and corruption, devoid of moral principles
4. Enervate (v.) to weaken or lessen the mental, moral, or physical vigor of; enfeeble, hamstring
5. Esoteric (adj.) intended for or understood by only a select few, private, secret
6. Fecund (adj.) fruitful in offspring or vegetation; intellectually productive
7. Fiat (n.) an arbitrary order or decree; a command or act of will or consciousness
8. Figment (n.) a fabrication of the mind; an arbitrary notion
9. Garner (v.) to acquire as a result of effort; to gather and store away, as for future use
10. Hallow (v.) to set apart as holy or sacred, sanctify, consecrate; to honor greatly, revere
11. Idiosyncrasy (n.) a peculiarity that serves to distinguish or identify
12. Ignominy (n.) shame and disgrace
13. Mundane (adj.) earthly, worldly, relating to practical and material affairs; concerned with what is ordinary
14. Nuance (n.) a subtle or slight variation (as in color, meaning, quality), delicate gradation or shade of difference
15. Overweening (adj.) conceited, presumptuous; excessive, immoderate
16. Penchant (n.) a strong attraction or inclination
17. Reputed (adj.) according to reputation or general belief; having widespread acceptance and good reputation; (part.) alleged
18. Sophistry (n.) reasoning that seems plausible but is actually unsound; a fallacy
19. Sumptuous (adj.) costly, rich, magnificent
20. Ubiquitous (adj.) present or existing everywhere