

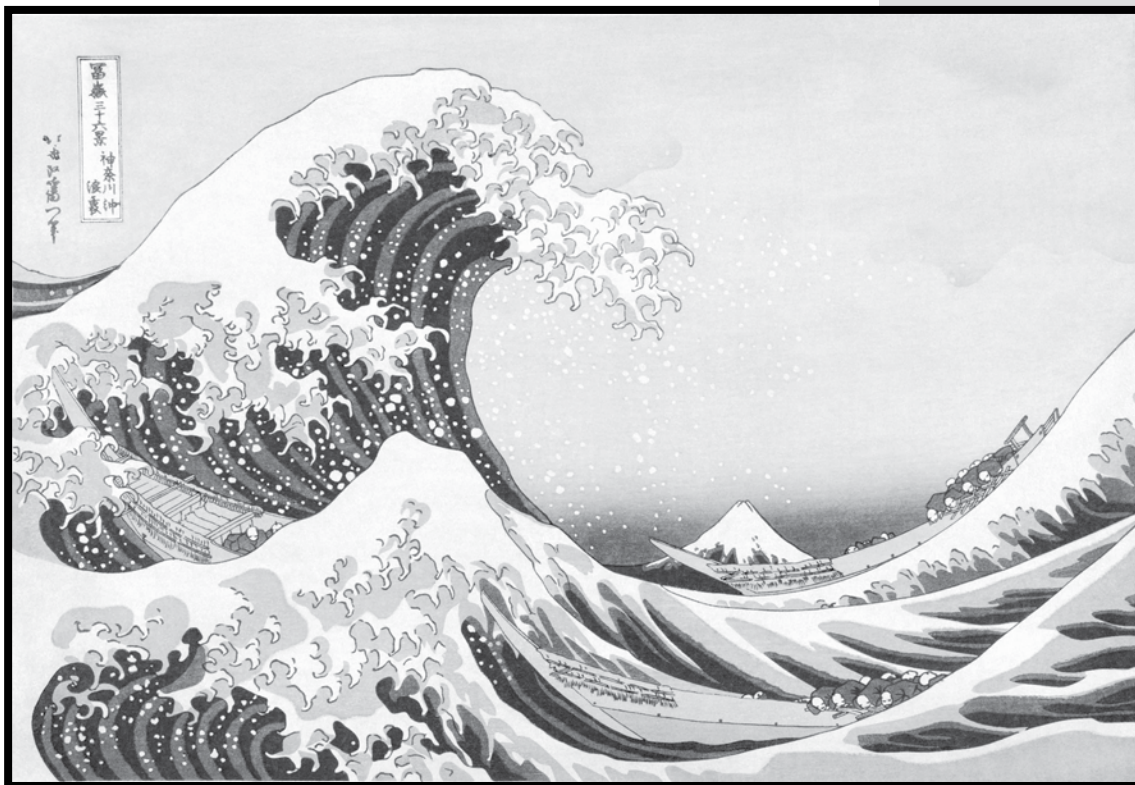
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ENGLISH GLOSSARY

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THE GREAT WAVE OFF KANAGAWA (1830–1833)

Katsushika Hokusai, Japanese, 1760–1849

Woodblock print

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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Glossary

Grade 3

Module 1: *The Sea*

Word	Definition
abstract	Not able to be experienced by the senses
admiration	A feeling of great respect and approval
akin	Similar or related in spirit
ambassador	The highest-ranking person who represents his or her own government while living in another country—often used figuratively
ambition	Goal or aim; things that a person hopes to do or achieve
annual	Happening once a year
apostrophe	Punctuation mark used to show ownership
apparatus	A tool or piece of equipment used for specific activities
aquariums	A glass or plastic container in which fish and other water animals and plants can live; a building people can visit to see water animals and plants
artificial	Not natural or real
audience	Group of people who will see, hear, or read something
autopsy	An examination of a dead body to find out the cause of death
bacteria	Tiny, one-celled living things that can cause disease
barrier	Something (such as a fence or natural obstacle) that prevents or blocks movement from one place to another
biodiversity	Range of life forms in a stated location
biography	The written story of the facts and events of a person's life

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
bioluminescent	Giving off light naturally by certain kinds of insects, fish, or bacteria
bleak	Without hope; depressing
bloodthirsty	Eager to drink blood
bulky	Large and awkward
buoyed	Supported so that something can float
caption	Written words explaining a photograph, diagram, or other visual aid in a text
captivity	State of being caught
carbon dioxide	A gas that is produced when people and animals breathe out or when certain fuels are burned and that is used by plants for energy
carcasses	The bodies of dead animals
character	Person or animal in a story, play, or movie
colonizing	To create a colony in or on (a place); to take control of (an area) and send people to live there
color	Artist's arrangement of colors, including decisions about value, contrast, and whether to use warm or cool colors
colossal	Very big
composition	Size and arrangement of figures and objects in a piece of visual art
concrete	Able to be touched or experienced by the senses
currents	Continuous movements of water or air in the same direction
daintiness	Smallness, prettiness
deck	The floor of a ship

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
deductions	The acts or processes of using logic or reason to form a conclusion or opinion about something
descend	To go down; to go or move from a higher to a lower place or level
desperately	With a sense of extreme need
devoured	To eat ferociously; to do something with great passion
didactic	Designed to provide instruction
didactic wall panel	Texts that are placed on walls or viewing stands to explain an exhibition in a museum, zoo, aquarium, or other display space
dilemma	A situation in which you have to make a difficult choice
discovered	To see, find, or become aware of (something) for the first time
dreadful	Very bad or unpleasant
ecosystem	A specific environment and the living things in the environment
elusive	Hard to find or capture
engineer	A person who has scientific training and who designs and builds complicated products, machines, systems, or structures; a person who specializes in a branch of engineering
enormous	Very great in size or amount
evaded	Avoided
explore	To travel through a place in order to learn more about it; to learn about something in detail
fable	A short story, usually with talking animals, that teaches a moral or lesson
fantastic	Having imaginative or unusual features

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
fascinated	Captured the attention or imagination of
fashioning	Forming (something) into something else; making (something) from something else
fearsome	Very frightening
ferociously	Fiercely, violently; very great or extreme
fiction	Writing that tells an imaginary story
figure	Representations of living things, such as people, in a painting or visual image
figurative language	Language expressing one thing in terms normally used for another
flexible	Easily changed or adapted
focal point	What draws the eye in an image
frazzle	To make (someone) very nervous or upset
friendliness	Showing support or approval
frigid	Very cold
gash	A long, deep cut
gazing	Looking steadily
gnawed	Bitten or chewed (something) repeatedly
gobbled	To swallow or eat (something) quickly
gorge	A deep, narrow area between hills or mountains
habitat	Natural environment of a plant or animal

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
illuminate	To bring light to or shine light on
immense	Very big in size
inference	Guess or conclusion based on facts and observations
informational	Knowledge that you get about someone or something, facts or details about a subject
intriguing	Extremely interesting
keyhole	Hole in a lock designed to fit a particular key
kraken	Large sea monster once believed to live off the coasts of Scandinavia
line	A long, narrow mark on a surface
literal	Using the ordinary, exact meaning of a word or words
logical	Reasonable
loneliness	Sadness from being apart from other people
loomed	Came into view as a very large shape
luminous	Giving off light; glowing
lure	To cause or persuade (a person or an animal) to go somewhere or to do something by offering some pleasure or gain; a device used for attracting and catching animals, birds, or especially fish
mammal	Animals that don't lay eggs, feed their young with milk, and (usually) have hair on their bodies
marine	Of or relating to the sea or the plants and animals that live in the sea
marveled	To look at something with wonder and amazement

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
microscope	A device used for producing a much larger view of very small objects so that they can be seen clearly
molecules	The smallest possible amount of a particular substance that has all the characteristics of that substance
mote	A very small piece of dust, dirt, etc.
mythic	Something that is depicted, portrayed, close to being in a legend or epic tale
navigate	To find the way to get to a place when you are traveling
nonfiction	Written works that are not fiction, including textbooks, biographies, and essays
nonliteral	Using a meaning other than the exact meaning of a word or words
noun	Word that names a person, place, thing, or idea
nutrient	Element found in food that helps living things grow and stay healthy
objects	Nonliving subject of a painting or visual image
observe	To look carefully; to watch with care
opportunity	A chance for something better
overwhelmed	Caused to be weak because of emotion
passenger	A person riding in or on something but not driving
pasture	A large area of land where animals feed on the grass; a new and better place or situation
permanent	Lasting or continuing for a very long time or forever
personification	Giving human attributes to nonliving things
phosphorescent	Relating to light that glows softly but does not produce heat

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
photosynthesis	Process through which green plants use sunlight to make nutrients from water and carbon dioxide
phytoplankton	A very small green plant
pollute	To make dirty (land, water, air, etc.) and not safe or suitable to use
possessive noun	Noun that uses an apostrophe to show ownership
predator	Animal that kills and eats other animals
predicate	Part of a sentence that explains the action, effect, or condition of the subject
prey	To hunt, catch, and eat another animal; an animal that is hunted, caught, and eaten by another animal
privilege	Having special rights or advantages that most people do not have
problem	A hard question or situation
purpose	The reason for writing something
rage	Great anger
rebelled	Opposed a person or group in authority
repellent	A substance that is used to keep something out or away
reputation	The common opinion that people have about someone or something; the way in which people think of someone or something
revise	To change to make different or better
rippling	Moving in small waves
savage	Not under human control; cruel or violent
seasickness	Feeling sick because of the movement of a boat or ship that you are traveling on

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
sentence	Words that create a complete thought by using a subject and verb
sequence	The order in which things happen or are listed
setting	Where and when a story takes place
sextant	An instrument used to determine the position of a ship or airplane by measuring the positions of the stars and sun
shoon	Old-fashioned word for shoes
sluggish	Without energy
solution	An answer to a problem or a way to fix it
sound	Something that is heard
spared	Kept from harm
species	A group of living things that are the same in many important ways
specimen	Something (such as an animal or plant) collected as an example of a particular kind of thing
speck	Small piece of matter
spluttering	Making spitting noises
spouting	Liquid forced out in a steady stream
stanza	A group of lines in a poem
stately	In a slow and important manner
subject	Noun or noun phrase that performs the action of a sentence or that is in a particular state
subsequently	Happening or coming after something else

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
summary	A short and usually comprehensive statement of what has been previously stated
surfaced	Rose to the upper boundary of water
teeming	Full of (life and activity); have many (people or animals) moving around inside
telescope	A device shaped like a long tube that you look through in order to see things that are far away
tethered	Tied up
tentacle	One of the long, flexible arms of an animal (such as an octopus) that are used for grabbing things and moving
text feature	Something other than the main text that supports or adds to the reader's understanding
thoroughly	Including every possible part or detail
thrust	To push with force
tinker/ tinkering	Experiment with making, changing, or fixing something
tone	Feeling or attitude expressed through the words a writer chooses
tumors	Mass of tissue found in or on the body that is made up of abnormal cells
urinate	To discharge urine; pass water
vast	Very large
verb	Word that expresses an action or state of action or helps a main verb express an action or state of being
vicious	Very violent and cruel

Module 1: *The Sea* – continued –

Word	Definition
weaves	To make something (such as cloth) by crossing threads or other long pieces of material over and under each other; to create something (such as a story) by combining different things in usually a complicated way
zooplankton	Drifting ecologically important organisms that are an integral component of the food chain

Module 2: *Outer Space*

Word	Definition
absolutely	Completely, totally
accelerates	Causes (something) to happen sooner or more quickly
accomplished	Skillful
adjustments	A small change that improves something or makes it work better
advantage	Something helpful
adverb	Part of speech that describes a verb
altitudes	Heights of something above sea level
antenna	A device (such as a wire or a metal rod) for sending or receiving radio or television signals
ascent	The act of climbing up to a summit; rise
assemblage	A collection of things brought together
assembly	Process of joining things to form a whole
astronomer	A scientist who studies space

Module 2: Outer Space – continued –

Word	Definition
authority	The power to give orders or make decisions; the power or right to direct or control someone or something
believed	To accept as honest or true
boulders	A very large stone or rounded piece of rock
cause	A force or event that makes something happen
celestial	Of the stars or heavens
clause	A group of words in a sentence that has a subject and a predicate
clipped	Quick, as in speech
condemned	Ordered to be punished
conjunction	A word connecting words, sentences, or parts of sentences
conserve	To protect something from being destroyed or harmed
constellation	Arrangement of stars that seems to make a picture and that is named for that picture
constructed, constructing	Built or made something
course	The path or direction that something or someone moves along
craft	An airplane, helicopter, or spacecraft
craggy	Characterized by high and very steep areas of rock on a mountain or cliff
decade	A period of 10 years
defective	Having a problem or fault that prevents something from working correctly
demonstration	Act of proving with evidence
descent	The act of climbing downward

Module 2: Outer Space – continued –

Word	Definition
disadvantage	Something that is not helpful
doubt	To not be sure of something
drift	Slow and gradual movements or changes from one place, condition, etc., to another
effect	A reaction or event that happens in response to another action or event
emerge	To come out of
evasive	Not honest or direct; done to avoid harm or an accident
extravaganza	A very large and exciting show or event
fact	Information that can be proven
forbidding	Not friendly or appealing; having a frightening or threatening appearance
fragile	Breakable or delicate; easily damaged
fungus	Any one of a group of living things (such as molds, mushrooms, or yeasts) that often look like plants but have no flowers and that live on dead or decaying things
gauges	An instrument that is used for measuring something
genre	A type of writing
gouged	Cut with, or as if with, something sharp
gratifying	Giving pleasure or satisfaction
grit	Small coarse bits of sand or stone
heresy	A belief or opinion that does not agree with the official belief or opinion of a particular religion
hideous	Very ugly

Module 2: Outer Space – continued –

Word	Definition
ignite	To light something on fire; to begin burning or catch fire
influence	The power or intangible action of one thing or person that brings about an effect on another
Inquisition	An organization in the Roman Catholic Church in the past that was responsible for finding and punishing people who did not accept its beliefs and practices
inspired	To make (someone) want to do something; to give (someone) an idea about what to do or create
instrument	A tool or device used for a particular purpose
intend	To plan
lunar	Of or relating to the moon
luxuries	Things that are expensive and not necessary
magnificent	Spectacular, wonderful, beautiful, incredible, unbelievable
malfunctioning	Not working properly
metaphor	A phrase that compares two unlike things without using like or as to show similarities
meteor	A piece of rock or metal that burns and glows brightly in the sky as it falls from outer space into the Earth's atmosphere
mezzotint	A print made from an engraved copper or steel plate on which the surface has been partially roughened, for shading, and partially scraped smooth, giving light areas
miniature	Smaller than other objects of the same type
mission	A particular task or job people perform
mumbled	A way of speaking that is not clear enough to be understood

Module 2: Outer Space – continued –

Word	Definition
myth	A story, often about gods or supernatural characters, passed down through generations to explain something about the world
nonliteral	Using a meaning other than the exact meaning of a word or words
obliged	Grateful or thankful; indebted
observations	Things you notice by watching and listening
onomatopoeia	Words that sound like what they represent, such as meow or splash
opinion	Someone's beliefs or personal judgments that cannot be verified
pardoned	To release someone from the legal consequences of a crime
patron	A person who gives money and support to an artist or organization
peered	Looked at closely or carefully, especially because something or someone is difficult to see
permanent	Meant to last for a long time
personification	The act of giving human attributes to nonhuman or inanimate things
polarity	A state in which two ideas, opinions, etc., are completely opposite or very different from each other
postpone	To decide that something that had been planned for a particular time will be done at a later time instead
precious	Rare and valuable
punished	To treat someone in a harsh way because of something they did wrong
reared	Rose up on back legs
receding	Moved away gradually
recount	To tell, as a story or history

Module 2: Outer Space – continued –

Word	Definition
reduce	Make smaller in size or amount
release	To set something or someone free
research	To study something and collect information about it
revolved	Traveled in a circle around a specific point
satellite	An object in the sky that moves around another larger object
scale	How large or small something seems when compared to the objects around it
scholars	People who have studied a subject for a long time and know a lot about it; an intelligent and well-educated person who knows a particular subject very well
simile	A comparison using the words like or as
situated	Located in a particular place
skeptics	People who question or doubt something (such as a claim or statement)
spectacular	Magnificent, wonderful, beautiful, incredible, unbelievable
spheres	Round objects
spindly	Long and thin and usually weak
summoned	Ordered (someone) to come to a place
telescope	A device shaped like a long tube that you look through to see things that are far away
thrived	To grow with great health or success
tongs	A tool made of two long connected pieces that is used for lifting or holding objects
tradition	A practice or belief passed down through generations of a culture or group of people; accepted ways of doing things over time

Module 2: *Outer Space* – continued –

Word	Definition
translated	To change words from one language into another language; to explain (something) in a way that is easier to understand
valve	A mechanical device that controls the flow of liquid, gas, etc., by opening and closing

Module 3: *A New Home*

Word	Definition
ancestor	Relative who lived long ago
artificial	Not natural or real
astonished	Surprised
bewildered	Confused
bilingual	Able to use two languages equally well
border	An imaginary line between two countries or other governed areas
calligraphy	The art of handwriting
central message	An important idea that the story conveys
characters	The main actors in a story
childhood	The period of time when one is a child
conflict	A problem; something that is difficult for the characters or something the characters want to achieve
contagious	Able to be passed from one person or animal to another by touching

Module 3: A New Home – continued –

Word	Definition
descendants	People related to those who lived a long time ago
diadem	Crown
dialogue	Exact words spoken by a fictional character
economic	Relating to the process or system by which goods and services are produced, sold, and bought
emigrant	Someone who leaves the country of his or her birth to live in a new country
enlighten	To share knowledge
enormous	Very great in size or amount
ethnic	Having to do with a large group of people with a shared culture, language, or religion, race, or national heritage
ethnicity	Condition of belonging to a group with a shared language, history, or culture
European	A person born, raised, or living in Europe
events	What happens in a story as characters try to achieve a goal
explore	To travel through a place in order to learn more about it; to learn about something in detail
foreigner	A person who is from a country that is not your own
foster	To help (something) grow or develop
generation	People, usually in a family, born at about the same time
homeland	The country where someone was born or grew up
homesick	Longing for one's home
immigrated	Permanently moved to a country where one was not born

Module 3: A New Home – continued –

Word	Definition
immigrants	People who permanently move to a country where they were not born
inspector	A person whose job is to inspect something
inspire	To cause someone to have an idea or feeling that is usually positive
inspiration	Cause for or source of a new idea or feeling that is usually positive
inspiring	Giving people new ideas or feelings, usually positive
journey	A very long trip
kimono	A traditional Japanese robe-like garment with wide sleeves and a broad sash
liberty	Freedom
longing	Having a strong desire for
matchmaker	A person who tries to bring two people together so that they will marry each other
migrant	Someone who moves from place to place to find work
monument	Building that honors a person, event, or idea
narrator	A person or character recounting a story
nationality	Condition of being a citizen of a particular nation
native	Having to do with where a person was born
nightdress	A loose dress that is worn in bed especially by women and girls
nomad	A person who moves from place to place without keeping a home in one place
nopalitos	Cactus pads that are harvested and eaten in the Southwestern part of the United States
opportunity	Chance for something better

Module 3: A New Home – continued –

Word	Definition
ordeal	A painful, difficult experience; trial
overcoat	A long coat that is worn to keep a person warm during cold weather
peril	Something that is likely to cause injury, pain, harm, or loss; danger
persecution	To treat (someone) cruelly or unfairly especially because of race or religious or political beliefs
perspective	How things are seen from a particular point of view
poverty	The state of being poor
prejudice	Attitude or opinion formed without a basis in fact
refugee	A person who is forced to flee his or her country to escape danger
resolution	How the characters finally solve or do not solve the problem
quilt	A blanket made of pieces of fabric and featuring decorative stitching
quotas	Official limits on the number or amount of people or things that are allowed
Sabbath	A weekly day of rest and worship that is observed on Sunday by most Christians and on Saturday (from Friday evening to Saturday evening) by Jews and some Christians
scale	The size of an object in comparison to another object
sculpture	A three-dimensional piece of art made by carving or molding clay, stone, metal, or other materials
setting	Where and when a story takes place
shackles	Metal bands used for binding the wrists or ankles of a prisoner or animal
steamship	A ship that is powered by steam
steerage	The least expensive sleeping accommodations on a passenger ship

Module 3: A New Home – continued –

Word	Definition
symbol	An object or picture that represents a person, place, thing, or idea
telegraph	An old-fashioned system of sending messages over long distances by using wires and electrical signals
tolerance	Willingness to accept feelings, habits, or beliefs that are different from your own
torch	A fire carried on a stick or pole as a portable light
transcontinental	Going across a continent
transferring	Moving from one place to another
unfamiliar	New or not known or experienced
unique	Having to do with qualities found in only one person, group, place, thing, or idea
vermin	Unpleasant insects or small animals that can sometimes cause harm
voyage	A long trip, especially by sea or through outer space

Module 4: Artists Make Art

Word	Definition
abstract art	Art that does not try to show what something looks like in real life
accompanist	Someone who plays a musical instrument while another person is singing or playing the main part
action	The act of doing something
annual	Happening once a year

Module 4: Artists Make Art – continued –

Word	Definition
archer	A person who shoots with a bow and arrow
camouflaged	Hiding with colors so that something blends into its surrounding
celebrity	The state of being famous or celebrated; a person who is famous
certificate	A document that is official proof that something has happened
choreographer	Someone who creates dance movements
commotion	Noisy excitement and confusion
congregation	The people who are attending a religious service
contralto	The lowest female singing voice
crept	Walked slowly and quietly to avoid being noticed
dawdled	Walked slowly and wasted time
devoted	Gave time and attention to a purpose
dignified	Marked with honor
discography	A descriptive catalog of musical recordings, particularly those of a particular performer or composer
easel	A frame for supporting an artist's painting
emerging	Newly created or noticed and growing in strength or popularity; becoming widely known or established
encore	A performance added to a planned schedule due to requests from the audience
endured	Experienced (pain or suffering) for a long time
ensemble	A group of people or things that make up a complete unit (such as a musical group, a group of actors or dancers, or a set of clothes)

Module 4: Artists Make Art – continued –

Word	Definition
explore	Looking at the details to understand something
extraordinary	More than common; unusual
flinging	Throwing or pushing (something) in a sudden and forceful way
frowned	Showing a serious facial expression that usually shows anger, displeasure, or concentration
frustrated	Angry, discouraged, or upset because of being unable to do or complete something
haughty	Extremely proud
heritage	The traditions, achievements, beliefs, etc., that are part of the history of a group or nation
humiliation	Conditions of being made to feel a loss of dignity
hymn	A religious song: a song that praises God
ignored	Refused to show that you hear or see; do nothing about or in response
imitated	Made or done in the same way as (something else)
implement	Tool, such as a paintbrush, spoon, or baster
improvise	To invent without planning
ingenuously	Naturally or honestly
inspire	To make (someone) want to do something; to give (someone) an idea about what to do or create
inspiration	The act of motivating
integrated	Unified or having all parts brought together to form a whole

Module 4: Artists Make Art – continued –

Word	Definition
interlacing	Joining together (narrow things, such as strings or branches) by crossing them over and under each other
intricacy	Complexity
latticework	Lacy web
libretto	The text of an opera
luminous	Producing or seeming to produce light, shining—often used figuratively
maestro	An expert at writing, conducting, or teaching music—often used as part of a title
memorial	Something (such as a monument or ceremony) that honors a person who has died or serves as a reminder of an event in which many people died
mesmerize	Holds the attention of (someone) entirely; interests or amazes (someone) so much that nothing else is seen or noticed
murmured	A low sound made when many people are speaking, a quiet expression
oblivious	Not conscious or aware of someone or something
opera	A kind of performance in which actors sing all or most of the words of a play with music performed by an orchestra
oppressed	Treat (a person or group of people) in a cruel or unfair way
ordinary	Regular
original	Made or produced first; not a copy or translation
ovations	Enthusiastic applause after a performance
passionate	Showing strong emotions
poplars	A tall, thin tree that has rough bark, soft wood, and very small groups of flowers
prejudice	Attitude or opinion formed without a basis in fact

Module 4: Artists Make Art – continued –

Word	Definition
premiered	Shown or performed for the first time
prescription	A written message from a doctor that officially tells someone to use a medicine or therapy
prime	To cover the linen with one color of paint to prevent the paint the artist uses later from seeping into the linen
privileged	Having special rights or advantages that most people do not have
prowl	To move through a place or area especially while searching for something often in a quiet or secret way
pulpit	A raised platform where a priest or minister stands when leading a worship service—often used figuratively
quarrelling	Arguing or speaking in an angry way
ragged	In bad condition, especially because of being torn
rebellious	Fighting against authority
reception	The kind of welcome that someone or something is given
rehearsed	Practiced again
remarkable	Exceptional and noteworthy
repertory	An organized group of actors that performs many kinds of plays, with each play being performed for only a short time
resigned	Feeling or showing acceptance that something unpleasant will happen or will not change
resounding	Producing a loud, deep sound that lasts for a long time; leaving no doubt, very definite
restriction	Laws or rules that limit or control something
revelation	The act of making something known

Module 4: Artists Make Art – continued –

Word	Definition
revelry	Noisy fun
rustled	To make a soft, light sound because parts of something are touching or rubbing against each other
salary	A set amount of money paid for a regular schedule for work
sassy	Having a fresh attitude
segregate	To separate groups of people because of their particular race, religion, etc.
sermon	A speech about a moral or religious subject that is usually given by a religious leader
shock	To surprise; upset
shrivel	To become dry and wrinkled from heat, cold, or old age
sooth	To cause (someone) to be calmer or less angry
sponsored	To be a sponsor for (something or someone)
staging	Process of preparing the set for a performance
stroll	To walk slowly and with pleasure, without a particular purpose
strut	To walk proudly
studio	The building or room where an artist works; a place where people go to learn, practice, or study an art
subtly	Delicately, softly
swoop	To fly down through the air suddenly
tenor	The highest adult male singing voice
three-dimensionality	Showing depth; not flat

Module 4: Artists Make Art – continued –

Word	Definition
timber	Lumber or wood used for building
torrent	A large amount of water that moves very quickly in one direction
tragedy	A very bad event that causes great sadness and often involves someone's death
trepidation	A feeling of fear that causes you to hesitate because you think something bad or unpleasant is going to happen
triumph	A great and important victory, success, or achievement
unheeded	Heard or noticed but then ignored or not followed
unwavering	Continuing in a strong and steady way
vermillion	Bright red, crimson
weather	To change in color or condition because of the effects of the sun, wind, rain, etc., over a long period of time; to deal with or experience (something dangerous or unpleasant) without being harmed or damaged too much