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ENGLISH GLOSSARY

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Module 1: *Identity in the Middle Ages*

Word	Definition
allusion	A brief and indirect mention of or reference to a person, place, idea, or older text with historical, cultural, and literary importance
antagonist	A person who opposes another person
apothecary	A person who prepared and sold medicines in past times
apprentice	A person who learns a job, skill, art, or trade by working for someone who has mastered it
bedeviled	To annoy or harass devilishly, torment
begrudge	Resent; to feel envious and disapproving of (someone) having or being given (something)
befouled	To make foul, defile
billeted	Put in a private home to live there temporarily
The Black Death	The bubonic plague was an infectious, bacterial disease that spread quickly. In the Middle Ages, the plague killed about half of the people in Western Europe
bodes	To be a sign of (a future event or situation)
bonny	Very pretty, attractive
booby	A stupid person
cacophonous	Unpleasant loud sounds
cannikins	Small cans used for drinking
caparison	Decorative coverings for a horse

Module 1: *Identity in the Middle Ages* – continued –

Word	Definition
characterization	The way a fictional character's identity is developed and shown in a story, play, or movie
chivalry/ chivalrous	The system, beliefs, and practices of knighthood in medieval times; the qualities valued by medieval knights, such as polite manners, loyalty, and trustworthiness
clergy	People who are the leaders of a religion and who perform religious services
clod pole	Someone who is stupid or foolish
cockeyed	Turned or tilted to one side; not straight; crazy or foolish
compendium	A collection of things (such as photographs, stories, or facts) that have been gathered and presented as a group especially in the form of a book
composition	The way in which something is put together or arranged
conflict	A difference that prevents agreement; disagreement between ideas, feelings, etc.
conjuror	A person who performs magic tricks
contented	Feeling or demonstrating happiness with one's life or a particular situation
coyly	Artfully shy or reserved; bashfully flirtatious
custom	In British English: business
daintily	Gracefully, small and delicate
desolate	Feeling very lonely or without hope
duffer	A clumsy or awkward person
encamped	To set up and use a camp
epilogue	A final section or speech after the main part of a book, play, or musical composition

Module 1: *Identity in the Middle Ages* – continued –

Word	Definition
fervently	Passionately, having or expressing warmth, depth, or intense feelings
forelocks	Piece of hair growing from the front of the head
foreshadow	A writing device used to give a little bit of information ahead of time and to hint at something to come
genteel	Refined
greed	A selfish desire to have more of something (especially money)
haft	Handle of a small ax, knife, or spear
hierarchy	A system for organizing groups, such as people, ideas, or objects, based on levels of their importance, power, or social standing
identity	The qualities and traits that make one person or group different from any other and recognized as such
idioms	A phrase or expression that means something other than the literal meaning of its individual words
imagery	Visually descriptive language, especially in a literary work
infidel	A person who does not believe in a religion that someone regards as the true religion
innkeeper	Old-fashioned term for a person who owns or runs an inn
innuendo	A subtle hint or veiled insult, usually about something immoral or improper
intoning	Speaking (a prayer, poem, etc.) in a way that sounds like music or chanting
jerkin	A type of short jacket that has no sleeves and that was worn in the past
kirtle	In the Middle Ages, woman's gown or outer petticoat or a man's tunic or coat

Module 1: *Identity in the Middle Ages* – continued –

Word	Definition
knights	A soldier in the past who had a high social rank and who fought while riding a horse and usually wearing armor; a man who is given a special honor and the title of Sir by the king or queen of England
knobbed	Bumpy surface
lusty	Full of strength and energy
macabre	Involving death or violence in a way that is strange, frightening, or unpleasant
mace	A heavy club with many sharp points that was used as a weapon in the Middle Ages
magister	Title give to scholars; especially those who taught at medieval universities
medieval	Related to the Middle Ages
melancholic	Very sad, gloomy
metaphor	A phrase that compares two unlike things without using like or as to show similarities
mewling	Crying feebly; whimpering
midwife	A person who helps women during childbirth
miller	A person who owns or works in a grain mill (making wheat into flour, for example)
mucking	Making wet, dirty, or muddy
mutton	The meat of an adult sheep used as food
nobles	Those of, relating to, or belonging to the highest social class
nuance	A subtle or slight difference in a quality, such as color, tone, or meaning
oriflammes	A banner or symbol inspiring devotion or courage

Module 1: *Identity in the Middle Ages* – continued –

Word	Definition
page	A young man or boy in the Middle Ages who trained to be a knight by serving a knight
pardoner	A person who sells official pardons, or excuses from sins, from the church (to raise money for the church)
parson	A member of the religious clergy, like a priest or a vicar
paternosters	In Roman Catholic Church, the Lord's Prayer, particularly in Latin
personification	A technique used in art or literature for giving human qualities to nonhuman creatures or things
perspective	A particular way of viewing things or events
pilgrimage	A long trip taken to a sacred place for a religious or moral purpose
poacher	A person who hunts or fishes without permission on someone else's property
pommel	High, round part on the front of a saddle
point of view	The position or point from which one views a subject; in literature, the viewpoint from whom the story is told
prologue	An introduction to a book, play, etc.
proportion	When the sizes of the different elements in the work appear as one would expect
protagonist	The main character in a work of fiction
pustular	Covered in pustules: a small collection of pus in the top layer of skin (epidermis) or beneath it, in the dermis
quagmire	An area of soft, wet ground; a situation that is hard to deal with or get out of; a situation that is full of problems
ragtag	Made up of different people or things and not organized or put together well

Module 1: *Identity in the Middle Ages* – continued –

Word	Definition
redundant	Not useful; excessive; uselessly repetitive; able to be taken away without a loss of meaning, clarity, or usefulness
Renaissance	The period of European history between the 14th and 17th centuries when there was a new interest in science and in ancient art and literature, especially in Italy
resolution	The point in a story at which the main conflict is solved or ended
saucy	Rude, usually in a lively and playful way
scholar	A person who has studied a subject for a long time and knows a lot about it; an intelligent and well-educated person who knows a particular subject very well
sense of self	How well you know your identity
sensory language	The use of details from the five senses to add interest to writing and help readers visualize the scene
sepulchral	Very sad and serious; very dismal or gloomy
simile	A comparison using the word like or as
solemnity	The quality of being formal or serious
soothsayers	People who make predictions about what is going to happen in the future
sorrel	A reddish-brown horse
summoner	Person from the medieval church who calls, or summons, people before the church for their crimes
swathes	A long, wide strip of land
swigging	Drinking (something) quickly and in large amounts; swallowing a lot of (a drink)
tantalizingly	Feel interest or excitement about something that is very attractive or appealing
taunt	To make fun of someone in a hurtful way or to provoke that person

Module 1: *Identity in the Middle Ages* – continued –

Word	Definition
theme	The central topic, subject, or message of a literary work
tone	In writing, tone is the attitude of a writer toward a subject or audience and is conveyed through choice of words or viewpoint
torment	To make someone else feel great mental or physical pain
tradesmen	Someone who sells or delivers goods
vellum	A smooth material made from the skin of a young animal and used especially for covering books or for writing on
welter	A large and confusing number or amount
whiffle	To blow unsteadily or in gusts; to emit or produce a light whistling or puffing sound
wile	Clever tricks that you use to get what you want
wimple	A cloth worn over the head and around the neck and chin by women in past times and by some nuns today
wretched	Deeply unhappy; miserable; in a terrible condition
writhe	To twist your body from side to side
yeoman	A farmer in the past who owned a small amount of land

Module 2: *Americans All*

Word	Definition
allegiance	Commitment or loyalty to a country, leader, or cause
alliance	A union between people, groups, countries, etc.; a relationship in which people agree to work together

Module 2: *Americans All* – continued –

Word	Definition
Americanism	Any cultural characteristic specific to America or Americans
ammunition	Objects that are detonated from any weapon
amphibious	Able to be used on land and in water
asymmetrical	The image or form is unevenly weighted
averted	Prevented (something bad) from happening
bayonets	A weapon that is like a knife that attaches to the end of a rifle for use in close combat
bleak	Cold, windswept, or barren
bombardment	A strike with artillery or explosive devices such as bombs or cannons
brutal	Extremely cruel or harsh
caliber	A measurement of the width of a bullet or a gun barrel
canteen	Small portable container used for carrying water
careen	To go forward quickly without control
catastrophic	Of or relating to a momentous tragic event; disaster
central idea	The main idea
civilian	A person who is not serving in the military
clockwork	Something that happens easily and accurately; precise
communal	Relating to or shared by members of a community
concentration camp	An enclosed area in which a country or group keeps enemies, prisoners of war, or others confined against their will

Module 2: *Americans All* – continued –

Word	Definition
contrast	To compare two things or people in order to make differences clear
crossfire	A volley of gunfire directed at a central point from two different positions
crucial	Extremely important
culture	The language, values, traditions, beliefs, and arts shared by members of a group
defense	Something that protects or defends
deprive	To take something away from someone or something; to not allow (someone or something) to have or keep (something)
detain	To keep a person against his or her will
disclose	To reveal
distorted	Different from the natural, normal, or original shape, appearance, or sound of (something) in a way that is usually not attractive or pleasing
division	An administrative unit of the military
domestic	Of the home country or home
drab	Not bright or colorful; too plain or dull to be interesting
droning	Deep continuous sound
duration	The length of time that something exists or lasts
dwindle	To gradually become smaller
enlist	To sign up for the military voluntarily
equality	The quality or state of having the same rights, social status, etc.
endure	To bear up under—or to function despite of—adversity; to persevere
exercise	A military training or war game

Module 2: *Americans All* – continued –

Word	Definition
exile	A situation in which you are forced to leave your country or home; a person who has been forced to live in a foreign country
flourish	A dramatic or fancy way of doing something
fluent	Able to speak a language easily and very well
foxhole	A shallow ditch dug quickly to protect from enemy fire
frequency	The number of times that something (such as a sound wave or radio wave) is repeated in a period (such as a second)
futile	Unlikely to lead to a desired result
geometric	Enclosed form featuring precise lines, clear edges, and shapes from geometry, for example a square, triangle, or cylinder
gung-ho	Extremely enthusiastic and loyal
humane	Kind or gentle to people or animals
incalculable	Too great or large to be calculated
indebted	Owing something (such as money or thanks) to someone or something
indication	Something (such as a sign or signal) that points out or shows something
induct	To have (someone) officially begin a new job, position, or government office; to enroll (someone) for military training or service
inevitable	Sure, to happen
integrated	Unified or having all parts brought together to form a whole
internment	The condition of being confined or imprisoned during wartime
interrogation	The act of being questioned for a long time and thoroughly, often for an official purpose

Module 2: *Americans All* – continued –

Word	Definition
isolationism	A country's policy or official decision not to ally or involve itself with other countries' concerns or disputes
intangible	Not made of physical substance; not able to be touched
knot	A speed equal to one nautical mile (6,080 feet) per hour
maneuvers	Planned movements of military vehicles and troops
marginalized/ marginalization	The act of excluding or treating as being of no importance; disregard
memoir	A narrative of the author's personal experiences
mess hall	A place where meals are served to soldiers
minesweepers	A naval vessel used for destroying, removing, or deactivating enemy mines
mission school	A religious school with the goal of converting local peoples to a particular faith
motto	A short phrase used to recall or represent a philosophy or code of behavior, proverb
neutralize	To cause to become ineffective or useless
oblivion	A state of being unaware, unconscious, or forgetful
objective	Something you are trying to do or achieve; goal or purpose
offensive	To cause someone to feel hurt, angry, or upset: rude or insulting
organic (shape)	Irregular, flowing or free form, with less-defined edges, and associated with shapes from the natural world, like plants or animals
outpost	Large military camp that is in another country or that is far from a country's center of activity
pacify	To calm another's anger or frustration
patriotism	Having pride in one's country

Module 2: *Americans All* – continued –

Word	Definition
pattern	A repeated form or design especially that is used to decorate something
persecute	To treat (someone) cruelly or unfairly especially because of race or religious or political beliefs
platoon	A group of persons trained as a unit, a military unit
portable	Capable of being easily carried or transported
post	A position or duty that someone has been assigned to
prevail	To emerge as dominant; to overcome
prepositional phrase	A phrase that begins with a preposition and can tell the reader how? when? where? or which?
propaganda	Ideas, statements, or rumors spread to convince people or the public to believe a certain set of facts or point of view
prosperous	Wealthy; having more than enough property, money, or food
pulverized	To destroy, demolish, or annihilate; to smash
reassure	Make someone regain confidence or feel less doubt
reconnaissance	The act of examining an area, especially to gain useful military information
recruit	A soldier recently enlisted into the armed forces, a new member of a group or organization
recruiter	A person who enrolls young men and women into the armed forces
reform	To improve (someone or something) by removing or correcting faults or problems
regiment	A troop of soldiers made up of at least two battalions
reinforcements	Additions of materials or personnel to a military force

Module 2: *Americans All* – continued –

Word	Definition
remember	To have or keep an image or idea in your mind of (something or someone from the past); to think of (something or someone from the past) again
repatriation	To return (someone) to his or her own country
resignation	The feeling that something unpleasant is going to happen and cannot be changed
resistance	Effort made to stop or to fight against someone or something
resolve	To make a definite and serious decision to do something
resonance	A quality that makes something personally meaningful or important to someone
reverberate	To continue in a series of quickly repeated sounds that bounce off a surface—often used figuratively
sacred	Worthy of worship or respect; holy
salvaged	Saved something that is in danger of being destroyed
segregation	Separating or isolating certain groups based on their race, class, or ethnic origin
seldom	Not often, rarely; in only a few cases
shell	A cylindrical piece of ammunition typically used in a shotgun
shrapnel	Metal pieces scattered by exploding shell or bomb
sinister	Having an evil appearance; looking likely to cause something bad, harmful, or dangerous to happen
sobering	Becoming or being made more thoughtful or serious
strive	To try or work hard; exert oneself; to struggle
subdued	Not strong, loud, or intense
subordinate	To put in a position of lesser rank or importance; to make less important than

Module 2: *Americans All* – continued –

Word	Definition
subordinate clause	A dependent clause that begins with a subordinate conjunction (or dependent marker word) and can indicate time, place, concession, or cause-and-effect relationship
symmetrical	An image or form equally weighted on both sides of a central line
tangible	Easily seen or recognized; able to be touched or felt
theme	The central topic, subject, or message of a literary work
topic	The person, thing, or idea that is being written or spoken of
tradition	The beliefs and customs of a culture or group handed down from one generation to the next
transport	A ship or plane used to carry supplies and military troops
treachery	Harmful things that are done usually secretly to a friend, your own country, etc.
turbulent	Full of confusion, violence, or disorder; not stable or steady
unanimous	Agreed to by everyone
validation	The act of declaring or recognizing that something is accurate, reasonable, or legal
vital	Needed for survival, most important for life

Module 3: *Language and Power*

Word	Definition
abash	To cause to feel ashamed or embarrassed
allegory	A device artists and writers use to convey a message about morality or spirituality through concrete characters, things, or events, a symbolic story or narrative

Module 3: Language and Power – continued –

Word	Definition
alliance	A union between people, groups, countries, etc.; a relationship in which people agree to work together
alliteration	The repetition of the same consonant sound in the beginning or stressed syllables of words in a sentence or phrase or line of poetry
allusion	A brief and indirect mention of or reference to a person, place, idea, or older text with historical, cultural, and literary importance
alternate claim	Being one of two or more possible claims other than the one being asserted
arable	Suitable for farming; able to produce crops
argument	A way of expressing a position on an issue using reason, logic, and evidence
aspirations	Things that a person wants very much to achieve
bankrupt	Unable to pay debts; used to say that someone or something completely lacks a good or desired quality
barren	Without vegetation or life, not able to produce or reproduce
capitalism	An economic system in which individuals, not governments, own property and businesses
capitulated	Stopped trying to fight or resist something; agreed to do or accepted something that you have been resisting or opposing
caricature	Portrayal of someone or something that is very exaggerated in a funny or foolish way
castigation	Criticizing harshly
censured	Official strong criticism
claim	A debatable statement that can be proven by evidence and reasoning
clamored	Loud, ongoing noise, racket

Module 3: Language and Power – continued –

Word	Definition
class	A group of people who all share similar economic circumstances or social rank or standing
commandment	An order or directive
communism	An economic system in which governments, not individuals, own property and businesses
comrade	A close friend you have worked with, been in the military with, etc.
conscience	The part of the mind that makes you aware of your actions as being either morally right or wrong
concision	The quality of saying much in a few words
contrived	An unnatural or false appearance or quality
countenance	The appearance of a person's face; acceptance or approval
cowered	Moved back or bent your body down because you are afraid
cryptic	Difficult to understand; having or seeming to have a hidden meaning
cult of personality	When a leader uses language, media, and persuasive propaganda to create an ideal, heroic self-image
cynical/ cynicism	Believing that people are generally selfish and dishonest
deceptive	Being able to or attempting to make someone believe something that is not true
defaulted	Failed to do something that legally must be done
degenerate	To become worse, weaker, or less useful; having low moral standards
demeanor	A person's appearance and behavior
deplore	To express or to feel strong disapproval or regret
deputation	A group of people who are sent to a place to represent other people

Module 3: *Language and Power* – continued –

Word	Definition
developmentally	Related to the growth of someone or something
disinterred	To dig up; to remove a body from a tomb or grave
dissentients	A person who opposes a majority or official opinion
dissolute	Lacking in morals or given to improper behavior
economic	Having to do with the making, buying, and selling of goods and the provision, buying, and selling of services
emancipation	Freedom from someone else's control or power
embattled	Engaged in battle or conflict; surrounded by enemies; constantly criticized or attacked
endeavor	To seriously or continually try to do something
endure	To persist or keep going in the face of hardship
enmity	A very deep unfriendly feeling
ensconced	Firmly placed or hidden
ethos	An appeal to character or credibility, showing that the company or product is believable or reliable
evidence	The body of facts and information that proves that a belief is true or supports that a claim is valid
extremity	A condition of extreme danger or need
figurative language	Words that are used to mean something other than or more than their literal meaning (for example, similes and metaphors)
flogging	Beating or whipping
forge	Form or create through great effort

Module 3: *Language and Power* – continued –

Word	Definition
forges	Things that are falsely made or copied in order to deceive people
form	The physical nature of a piece of art; an element of shape
gale	Strong, powerful wind
gambled	Ran or jumped in a lively way
gradualism	A policy of gradual reform rather than sudden change or revolution
herald	To greet (someone or something) with enthusiasm
ignominious	Causing disgrace or shame
imagery	Visually descriptive language, especially in a literary work
impromptu	Not prepared ahead of time; made or done without preparation
inaugural	Marking the beginning, opening, or launching of a new activity, venture, or period of office
incited	To cause (someone) to act in an angry, harmful, or violent way; to provoke
indefatigable	Able to work or continue for a very long time without becoming tired; tireless
indignation	Anger caused by something that is unfair or wrong
indistinguishable	Unable to be recognized as different
inebriate	Affect by drinking too much alcohol
inextricably	Impossible to separate; closely joined or related
inspire	To fill someone with positive emotions, feelings, or thoughts; to cause an increase in one's desire to accomplish or create something or to make a positive change in one's life or attitude
intermediary	A person who works with opposing sides in an argument or dispute in order to bring about an agreement

Module 3: *Language and Power* – continued –

Word	Definition
irrepressible	Impossible to hold back, stop, or control; lively and cheerful
Joseph Stalin	The Russian revolutionary who ruled the Soviet Union from the time of Lenin's death until his own death in 1953
juxtaposition	To bring together for the purpose of side-by-side comparison or contrast
knacker	A person whose business it is to dispose of dead or unwanted animals
knoll	A small hill
lamentation	An expression of great sorrow or deep sadness
landmine	A bomb that is buried in the ground and that explodes when someone steps on it or drives over it—often used figuratively
languished	Continued for a long time without activity or progress in an unpleasant or unwanted situation
logos	An appeal to logic or reason
loyalty	Strong support for someone or something
machinations	Deceptive actions or methods that are used to get or achieve something
malignity	Wishing evil to others; malevolence; hate, hatred
manacles	Set of two metal rings designed to lock around a person's wrists or ankles
manifestly	Easily recognized or understandable
manipulative	Able to change facts, numbers, a situation, or others' beliefs, emotions, etc., unfairly to benefit oneself or for some other purpose
maxim	A short expression of a general or basic truth or rule of conduct
metaphor	A phrase that compares two unlike things without using like or as to show similarities

Module 3: Language and Power – continued –

Word	Definition
momentous	Very important
morose	Very serious, unhappy, and quiet
naïve	Lacking knowledge or experience; lacking in suspicion or realistic judgment
opposing claim	Establish a contrasting position
Orwellian	Of or relating to the work of George Orwell, especially the abuses of language by the leaders of the societies as portrayed in his novels <i>Animal Farm</i> and <i>1984</i>
over trusting	Believe too much that someone or something is reliable, good, honest, effective
pan	To severely criticize something, such as a book or a play
parasitical	Having the nature or habits of a parasite or leech; living off another
parodies	Pieces of writing, music, etc., that imitate the style of someone or something else in an amusing way
pathos	An appeal to emotion
perches	Sit on or is on something high or on something from which it is easy to fall
perpetually	Continuing forever or for a very long time without stopping
personification	The act of attributing human characteristics to nonhuman things
persuade	To lead another person to act in a certain way or believe a particular idea by appealing to logic or emotion or making a strong argument
persuasive	Being able to lead another person to act in a certain way or believe a particular idea
plaited	Twisted together three pieces of (hair, rope, etc.); braided
precision	The state of being accurate or exact
preeminent	More important, skillful, or successful than others; better than others

Module 3: Language and Power – continued –

Word	Definition
prevail	To win a victory or prove to be better than
promissory note	A written promise to pay an amount of money before a particular date
propaganda	Information or statements of opinion that are deliberately circulated among the public to persuade the population to accept a certain point of view
proselytizing	To try to persuade people to join a religion, cause, or group
posthumously	Happening, done, or published after someone's death
pretext	A reason that you give to hide your real reason for doing something
publican	Someone who owns or manages a pub
puritanical	Very strict especially concerning morals and religion
rations	A particular amount of food that is given to one person or animal for one day
reason	A statement that explains or justifies an action or belief
restive	Feeling bored or impatient while waiting for something to happen or change
retinue	A group of helpers, supporters, or followers
rhyme scheme	The pattern of rhyming lines in a poem
Russian Revolution of 1917	A revolt, taking place over several years, during which a group of rebels, led by Vladimir Lenin, ultimately overthrew and took over the Russian government
sabotage	The act of destroying or damaging something deliberately so that it does not work correctly
satire	A literary or dramatic work that ridicules or makes fun of people's weaknesses or foolish behavior
scale	How large or small something seems when compared to the objects around it
scapegoat	A person who is blamed for someone else's wrongdoing

Module 3: *Language and Power* – continued –

Word	Definition
seared	To burn and damage the surface of (something) with strong and sudden heat
sensory language	Language that connects to the five senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch) to create an image or description
simile	A comparison using the word like or as
solicitor	A lawyer in Britain who assists people in legal matters and who can represent people in lower courts of law
Soviet Union	The name given to the new country formed when the revolutionaries adhering to communism overthrew the Russian government; lasted from 1917 until it was disbanded in 1992
space	The areas around, between, or within shapes or forms in a work of art
speaker	The narrator of a poem
stanza	A section of a poem made up of a group of related lines
stratagem	A trick or plan for deceiving an enemy or for achieving a goal
strive	To try or work hard toward a goal; to exert oneself
stupefied	To shock or surprise (someone) very much; to cause (someone) to become confused or unable to think clearly
subsequent	Happening or coming after something else
subsist	To exist or continue to exist
subtler	Harder to see or notice
summoned	Ordered (someone) to come to a place
superannuated	Old and therefore no longer very effective or useful
sweltering	Very hot

Module 3: *Language and Power* – continued –

Word	Definition
sycophancy	Praises powerful people in order to get their approval
taciturn	Tending to be quiet; not speaking frequently
tormentors	Someone who causes someone else extreme physical or mental pain
tranquilizing	To use a drug to cause (a person or animal) to become very relaxed and calm
tribulation	Unhappiness, pain, or suffering
trill	A quick high sound that is repeated
tyranny	Cruel and unfair treatment by people with power over others
unfettered	Not controlled or restricted
unmindful	Not aware of something that might be important
vivacious	Happy and lively
Vladimir Lenin	A leader of the Russian communist revolutionary movement that overthrew the Russian tsar; the first leader of the Soviet Union, serving from 1917 until his death in 1924
vulnerable	In a position where one can be hurt
winsome	Charming, appealing, or attractive

Module 4: *Fever*

Word	Definition
abate	To become weaker; to decrease in strength
acclaim	Strong approval or praise

Module 4: *Fever* – continued –

Word	Definition
allay	To make something less severe
anguish	Extreme grief, suffering, or pain
anvils	Heavy iron block on which heated metal is shaped by hitting it with a hammer
apothecary	A person who prepared and sold medicines in past times
arsenic	A poisonous chemical that is used especially to kill insects and weeds
assailant	A person who attacks someone violently
background	The part of a picture, scene, or view that is in the back or furthest from the viewer
balance	When textures, colors, forms, and shapes appear to be evenly weighted throughout an artwork
balderdash	Foolish words or ideas; nonsense
banished	Sent away
battalion	A large, organized group of soldiers or people who act together
bellowing	Shouting in a deep voice
bidding	To do what someone tells you or orders you to do
bile	A yellow or greenish liquid that is made by the liver and that helps the body to digest fats, anger or hatred
bilious	Having or causing a sick feeling in the stomach; feeling or causing nausea; angry or bad-tempered
billowed	To be pushed outward by air; to move as a large cloud or mass
blighted	Diseased

Module 4: *Fever* – continued –

Word	Definition
blubbing	Crying
blustered	To speak in a loud and aggressive or threatening way; to blow loudly and violently
bodice	The upper part of a dress
bounty	Good things that are given or provided freely and in large amounts; an amount of money given to someone as a reward for catching a criminal
brandish	To wave or swing something in a threatening or excited manner
burlap	A strong, rough fabric that is used mostly for making bags
bustle	A frame or pad worn in the past under a skirt or dress to hold it out from the body in the back
cabinet	Piece of furniture that is used for storing things and usually has doors and shelves
cajoling	To persuade someone to do something or to give you something by making promises or saying nice things
calamity	An event of extreme destruction or harm
capitulation	To stop trying to fight or resist something
casks	Containers that are shaped like a barrel and is used for holding liquids
censure	Official strong criticism
cherub	A type of angel that is usually shown in art as a beautiful young child with small wings and a round face and body; someone (such as a child) who is thought of as being like a small angel
color	Also called the palette, color differentiates lines, shapes, forms, and space in a work of art
compel	To force (someone) to do something; to make (something) happen; to force (something)

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Word	Definition
compound	Made up of two or more parts
conceded	To accept or not deny the truth or existence of (something); to admit (something) usually in an unwilling way
concession	Giving up something or doing something in order to reach agreement
condemned	To say in a strong and definite way that someone or something is bad or wrong
condolences	Feeling or expression of sympathy and sadness especially when someone is suffering because of the death of a family member, a friend, etc.
congregation	The people who regularly attend religious services
context	The circumstances or conditions in which an event occurs and through which the event can be understood
contracted	To become ill with a disease
cooed	To talk in a soft, quiet, and loving way
coordinate	Equal in rank, quality, or significance
countenance	The appearance of a person's face
countered	Something that is made or done as a defense against or response to something else
course	The path or direction that something or someone moves along
crisis	A time of serious difficulty or danger; a period or situation of instability or upheaval; for a society or an individual, the moment when a disease or fever turns better or worse
crocheting	A method of making cloth or clothing by using a needle with a hook at the end to form and weave loops in a thread
crockery	Pots or jars made of baked clay used for cooking
daunting	Very difficult to do or deal with

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Word	Definition
dawdling	Moving or acting slowly
dedicated	Supporting strongly; loyally
delegation	A group of people sent on a mission or to complete a duty for others
delirious	Not able to think or speak clearly, especially because of fever or other illness
depict	To show in a picture, painting, photograph
depleted	To greatly reduce the amount of; to use most or all
desolation	Extreme sadness caused by loss or loneliness
destitute	Extremely poor
devoutly	In a deeply religious way; loyally
dilemma	A situation in which you must make a difficult choice
direct quotation	The use of a writer's or speaker's exact words
disarray	Lack of order; confusion
disease	A physical or mental condition that causes a part of the body (of a plant or animal) to not function properly
dispel	To make something go away or end
dispose	To get rid of
disputing	Arguing
dissolved	To mix with a liquid and become part of the liquid; to officially end
doilies	Cloth or paper that has a decorative pattern made of many small holes
dowry	Money or property that a wife or wife's family gives to her husband when the wife and husband marry in some cultures

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Word	Definition
drastic	Extreme in effect or action; severe or serious
drought	The absence of rain over a long period of time
droves	A large group of animals or people that act together
dwindling	Shrinking down to nothing
embers	Glowing pieces of coal or wood from a fire
emphasis	The use of colors, textures, and shapes to direct the viewer's attention
enterprising	Being able to do new or challenging tasks
epidemic	A rapid and widespread occurrence of disease
epigraph	The quotation at the beginning of a book or chapter authors use to set a tone or establish a theme for the book or chapter
escalated	To become worse or to make (something) worse or more severe; to become greater or higher or to make (something) greater or higher
esteemed	Respected
eternal	Having no beginning or end
evictions	To force someone to leave their place
exertions	Physical or mental effort
exhibits	An object or a collection of objects that have been put out in a public space for people to look at
exhort	To try to influence (someone) by words or advice; to strongly urge (someone) to do something
exodus	A situation in which many people leave a place at the same time—usually singular
expansion	The act of becoming bigger or of making something bigger

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Word	Definition
expire	To end; to die
extortion	The crime of getting money from someone using force or threats
famished	Very hungry
famously	In a way that is known to many people
feign	To pretend to feel or be affected by (something)
fermenting	Going through a chemical change that results in the production of alcohol
fervent	Having or showing very strong feelings
fetid	A strong, terrible smell
fever	A body temperature that is higher than normal; a disease in which a high temperature is a central symptom
flee	Running away from danger
flint	A hard type of rock that produces a small piece of burning material (called a spark) when it is hit by steel; a piece of metal used for producing a spark
foreground	The part of a picture, scene, or view that is in the front or closest to the viewer
formidable	Strong and powerful enough to be challenging to oppose
fugitives	A person who runs away to avoid being captured
gaunt	Very thin, usually because of illness or suffering
gravely	Seriously
grippe	A body temperature that is higher than normal; a disease in which a high temperature is a central symptom
haunt	A ghost or spirit

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Word	Definition
handbill	A small announcement or advertisement handed out to people
harrumphed	To say (something) in a disapproving or complaining way
hastily	Done or made quickly
hazarding	Risking losing something to get, win, or achieve something
helter-skelter	In a confused, careless way
hoisted	Raised, especially by using ropes or machinery
hordes	Large groups of people
idling/idleness	Spending time doing nothing useful
illness	Sickness or poor health
immunity	Power to keep yourself from being affected by a disease
imp	A child who causes trouble in a playful way; a small creature that plays harmful tricks in children's stories
imposter	Fake; someone who pretends to be someone else
impudence	Failure to show courtesy or respect
inclined	Likely to do something
indigence	Poor
indomitable	Hard to defeat or discourage
indulgence	The behavior or attitude of people who allow themselves to do what they want or who allow other people to do what they want
influenza	A respiratory infection, often referred to as flu
influx	Arrival or inflow of many people or things

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Word	Definition
ingenuity	A talent or skill at solving complex problems or inventing things
inhabitants	People or animals who live in a particular place
inhumane	Not kind or gentle to people or animals
inquietude	Physical or mental restlessness
instill	To gradually cause someone to have (an attitude, feeling, etc.)
invalid	A person who needs to be cared for because of injury or illness
issued	To give something in an official way, to announce (something) in a public and official way
inventory	A supply of goods stored in a place, a list of supplies
jaundiced	Having a disease that causes your skin to turn yellow; affected with jaundice
judicious	Having or showing good judgment
landlord	A person who owns a house, an apartment, etc., and rents it to other people; a person who runs an inn, pub, or rooming house
line	A long mark that makes shapes or leads viewers' eyes to certain areas
loathsome	Causing feelings of hatred or disgust
loitering	Remaining in an area when you do not have a particular reason to be there
lumbered	Moved clumsily
mahogany	A strong reddish-brown wood that is used especially for making furniture and that comes from several tropical trees, a reddish-brown color
malady	Disease or illness
malicious	Having or showing a desire to cause harm to another person

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Word	Definition
malignant	Very serious and dangerous
mantle	To cover or surround (something)
melancholy	Characterized by sad, gloomy feelings
melodious	Having or making a pleasant musical sound
merchants	Someone who buys and sells goods especially in large amounts
miasma	A heavy cloud of something unpleasant or unhealthy
microscopic	Extremely small
mimicked	Copied
mite	A very small creature that often lives on plants, animals, and foods
moderation	Reasonable; not excessive
molasses	A thick, brown, sweet liquid that is made from raw sugar
morale	One's mental condition, as indicated by level of enthusiasm or confidence
mortality	The quality or state of being a person or thing that is alive and therefore certain to die; the number of deaths that occur in a particular time or place
mournful	Extremely sad or filled with grief
movement	Directs the viewer's eye by lines, contrasting shapes, and colors in art
multitude	A great number of things or people
negligence	To fail to properly care for someone or something
neutrality	The quality or state of not supporting either side in an argument, fight, war, etc.; the quality or state of being neutral
noxious	Harmful, toxic

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Word	Definition
odiferous	Unpleasant smell
orderlies	People who work in a hospital and do various jobs; soldiers who perform various services for superior officers
oppression	Treatment of people in a cruel or unfair way
paraphrase	Rewording of someone else's words
paupers	Poor people
peered	Looked closely or carefully
peril	Danger
perspective	The technique artists use to show three-dimensional objects on a two-dimensional surface in a realistic looking way; how artists give the idea of space and depth, even when they are working on a flat surface
pestilence	A deadly illness or disease
petticoat	A skirt that a woman or girl wears under a dress or outer skirt
piecemeal	Done or made in a gradual way in a series of separate steps
pious	Religious, devout, spiritual
placid	Calm
plagiarism	Using someone else's ideas or words without quoting or citing the source; taking another person's work and representing it as your own
plague	A disease that spreads rapidly with a high death rate
plunder	The act of stealing things from a place especially by force; things that are stolen or taken by force especially during a war
populace	The people who live in a country or area

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Word	Definition
portrait	A work of art representing a specific person
portray	To represent
prestigious	Respected and admired
preying	Harming or affecting in a bad way
prohibited	Not allowed
prosperous	Successful
providence	God or fate thought of as the guide and protector of all human beings
purge	Cause something to leave the body
purify	To remove dirty or harmful substances
putrefaction	Process of rotting or decaying
putrefied	Rotted
quarantine	To keep away from others to prevent a disease from spreading
rapscallions	Mischievous people
rebuke	To speak in an angry and critical way
recruiting	Finding suitable people and get them to join a company, an organization, the armed forces
recuperate	To return to normal health or strength after being sick, injured
reeking	Having a very strong and unpleasant smell
remedies	Medicines or treatments
represent	To show (someone or something) in a picture, painting, photograph, etc.

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Word	Definition
reproach	An expression of disapproval or disappointment
resourceful	Able to deal well with new or difficult situations and to find solutions to problems
respite	A short period of time when you can stop doing something that is difficult or unpleasant or when something difficult or unpleasant stops or is delayed
robust	Strong and healthy
routinely	Regularly
salutary	Having a good or helpful result
salvage	The act of saving something that is in danger of being destroyed
Samaritan	Helpful person
scabbard	A protective case for a sword that covers the blade
scale	The relationship of size between a part and a whole and of one object in relation to another object
scavengers	Animals or people searching for food to eat
scourge	Someone or something that causes a great amount of trouble or suffering
scrupulousness	Strict attention to minute details
scuffed	Marked or scratched in the surface of (something) by scraping it
scullery	A room that is near the kitchen in a large and usually old house and that is used for washing dishes, doing messy kitchen tasks, etc.
scurrilous	Vulgar or abusive
scuttled	To cause something to end or fail
sedulously	Applying constant and enduring effort to a task or course of action

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Word	Definition
shift	A woman's loose, straight dress
shunned	Avoided
sickness	Illness or poor health
sketch	Quick, rough drawing that shows the main features of an object or scene
skirmish	A quick and often spontaneous fight in a war
slovenly	Messy or untidy
space	The areas around, between, or within shapes or forms in a work of art
specialties	An area of study or business that a person specializes in or has special knowledge of
specimens	Something (such as an animal or plant) collected as an example of a particular kind of thing
sprite	A small creature that has magical powers; an elf or fairy
sprawling	Spreading or developing in an uneven or uncontrolled way
squall	A loud cry; a sudden violent wind often with rain or snow
stagnant	Not flowing
stays	A piece of stiff plastic, bone, etc., that provides shape to a piece of clothing
steely	Very determined
stench	Strong smell; foul; stinking
strongbox	A box that is usually made of metal, that can be locked, and that is used to keep money or valuable things
stoutest	Thickest and strongest

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Word	Definition
succumbed	To die; to stop resisting
stupor	A condition in which someone is not able to think normally because of being drunk, drugged, tired, etc.
summary	A brief statement of a text's main ideas (written in your own words)
sympathy	State in which different people share the same interests, opinions, goals, etc.
synthesize	To bring separate things together to form a whole
tauntingly	Saying insulting things to (someone) in order to make that person angry
taut	Very tight from being pulled or stretched
tedious	Boring and too slow or long
teemed	Full of life and activity; having many (people or animals) moving around inside
tethered	Tied to something in order to keep it in a particular area
tensed	Not relaxed but hard and tight
timothy grass	Perennial grass
tinder	Any material (such as wood or grass) that burns easily and can be used to start a fire, kindling
trifling	Having little value or importance
trustees	A member of a group that manages the money of an organization
tumult	A state of noisy confusion or disorder
turmoil	A state of confusion or disorder
turncoat	A person who stops being a member of a group in order to join another group that opposes it, a traitor

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Word	Definition
unaided	Without help
unassailable	Not able to be doubted, attacked, or questioned
unease	A feeling of worry or unhappiness
unerring	Always right and accurate; making no errors
unmerciful	Very harsh or cruel
unrelenting	Not slowing down, stopping, or growing weaker
unremitting	Not stopping or growing weaker
unsettled	Feeling nervous, upset, or worried; not comfortable
urchin	A usually poor and dirty child who annoys people or causes minor trouble
value	How light or dark a color looks, with white the lightest value and black the darkest
varmints	An animal that is considered a problem, a pest
vehemently	Showing strong and often angry feelings; very emotional
vendors	People who sell things especially on the street
vengeance	The act of doing something to hurt someone because that person did something that hurt you or someone else, with great force or effort
venture	To go somewhere that is unknown or dangerous
vilest	The most evil or immoral
vilify	To make someone out to be a terrible person; to speak harshly about someone
wafting	Moving through the air, as a smell does
wager	The money or other valuable thing that you could win or lose in a bet

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Word	Definition
wages	Money paid to workers
wharves	Waterfront structures for loading and unloading cargo from ships
windfall	An unexpected amount of money that you get as a gift, prize, etc.
withered	Dried up or wilted
yowl	To make a loud, long cry of grief, pain, or distress