

English III/American Lit Vocab Words

Colonial

1. abhor (v): to scorn, hate
2. depravity (n): moral corruption
3. induce (v): to persuade, force, cause
4. providence (n): divine intervention by God in the affairs of mankind
5. theocracy (n): a religiously-run form of government

The Crucible

6. ameliorate (v): to make better, to relieve, to improve
7. beguile (v): to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
8. calamity (n): a serious event causing distress or misfortune
9. defamation (n): the act of harming or ruining another's reputation
10. dissemble (v): to disguise, to pretend
11. malevolence (n): ill will or evil intentions
12. malign (v): to utter injuriously misleading reports about
13. predilection (n): preference
14. sublime (adj.): exalted, noble, uplifting
15. vindictive (adj): revengeful, spiteful

The Scarlet Letter

16. amenable (adj): open or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable
17. arduous (adj): very difficult to accomplish or achieve, very demanding (task)
18. austere (adj): strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
19. capricious (adj): changing suddenly, fickle
20. discern (v): to differentiate between two or more things
21. esoteric (adj): understood only by a small group or a select few
22. ignominy (n): disgraceful or dishonorable conduct
23. implicit (adj): understood but not directly expressed
24. insidious (adj): treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
25. languid (adj): slow, sluggish, listless, weak
26. loquacious (adj): very talkative
27. malleable (adj): capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable
28. melancholy (n): depression of spirits
29. misanthrope (n): a hater of mankind
30. ominous (adj): threatening

31. palpable (adj): tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
32. sagacious (adj): wise, shrewd, very discerning
33. superfluous (adj): beyond what is needed or required, an overflow
34. venerate (v): to honor, to revere
35. wan (adj): very pale and sickly

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

36. abolish (v): to do away with
37. afoot (adv): developing or in the process of happening
38. air (v): to make a public utterance
39. blithe (adj): lighthearted, joyous, glad, cheerful, free of spirit
40. brazen (adj): shameless, insolent, disrespectful
41. contrite (adj): extremely apologetic, remorseful, repentant
42. dissipation (n): wasteful spending, squandering
43. haughty (adj): arrogant, excessively proud vain
44. histrionics (n): overly theatrical (behavior)
45. hues (n): colors
46. infernal (adj): relating to hell
47. muse (v): to ponder
48. ponderous (adj): very heavy, unwieldy from weight
49. resolute (adj): characterized by a decided purpose
50. temperance (n): moderation of self-restraint in action or statement