

## English III/American Lit Vocab Words (Spring)

### *Death of a Salesman*

1. approbation (n): official approval, praise, commendation
2. befuddle (v): confused
3. candid (adj): blunt, sincere honesty
4. credulous (adj): believing without question, gullible
5. elegiac (adj): mournful, expressing sorrow
6. implacable (adj): incapable of being satisfied
7. incipient (adj): beginning to come into being, the early stage of something
8. laconic (adj): using a minimum of words
9. mercurial (adj): changing unpredictably
10. pompous (adj): exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance
11. raucous (adj): loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly
12. repress (v): to restrain, to hold back
13. reproach (v): to blame for something
14. stolid (adj): showing little emotion
15. trepidation (n): fear, trembling, agitation

### *The Great Gatsby*

1. commensurate (adj): equal in value
2. corpulence (n): state of being very fat
3. deft (adj): skillful, clever
4. defunct (adj): no longer existing or in use
5. feint (n): a false appearance to perform a certain act
6. florid (adj): flowery, flushed with color
7. impetuous (adj): violent, hasty, rash, impulsive
8. indignation (n): anger as a result of something unjust
9. ineffable (adj): incapable of being expressed in speech or words
10. insolence (n): insulting or contemptuous behavior
11. obstinate (adj): unyielding regardless of reason or logic
12. punctilious (adj): stressing strict adherence to instructions, details, codes or conduct
13. sumptuous (adj): lavish, luxurious
14. tentative (adj): uncertain
15. vacuous (adj): lacking substance; marked by a lack of intelligence

***The Catcher in the Rye***

1. atheist (n): one who does not believe in God
2. bourgeois (adj.): qualities associated with the middle class, often reflecting majority opinion
3. conceit (n): excessively high opinion of one's own worth or ability
4. exhaust (v): to use up; to drain
5. inane (adj): lacking significance, meaning, or point
6. monotony (n): sameness to the point of boredom
7. mutinous (adj): rebellious, unruly
8. nonchalance (n): indifference, a showing of little interest
9. pacifist (n): one who opposes war or use of force
10. rile (v): to make angry, to arouse resentment