**Mr. Valentine’s 12th Grade English – Week 1 Vocabulary – Honors**

**1. Alliteration** - (Noun) –A poetic device involving the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginnings of words.

Example – “The big blue boat bounced by the banks of the river” shows an excess of b alliteration.

Synonyms – N/A Antonyms – N/A

**2. Animism** – (Noun) – The belief that spirits inhabit all things (i.e. trees, rocks, rivers, etc).

Example – The Celts believed in animism, seeing fairy spirits throughout the natural world.

Synonyms – N/A Antonyms – N/A

**3. Archetype** – (Noun) – A character type commonly found throughout literature and culture.

Example – Most cultures are familiar with the archetypes of the hero, the monster, and the trickster.

Synonyms – Perfect specimen, prime example, classic exemplar. Antonyms – N/A

**4. Atheling –** (Noun) – a man of royal blood; a prince.

Example – The king earned the respect of all the athelings that day when he won the battle.

Synonyms – Nobleman, prince, royal, earl. Antonyms – N/A

**5. Bard** - (Noun) - a person who composed and recited epic or heroic poems, often while playing the harp, lyre, or the like.

Example – The people gathered round to hear the old tales sung by the bard, once again.

Synonyms – Scop, storyteller, troubadour, minstrel, skald. Antonyms – N/A

**6. Burg –** (Noun) – a city or town; a fortified town.

Example – After a long journey, it was good for the traveler to return to his home burg

Synonyms – City, town, village. Antonyms – N/A

**7. Din** – (Noun) – a loud, confused noise; a continued loud or tumultuous sound; a noisy clamor.

Example – The party created such a din that the neighbors had to complain.

Synonyms – Pandemonium, bedlam, clatter, disquiet, clamor, uproar, racket, hullabaloo.

Antonyms – Calm, calmness, order, peace, quiet, silence.

**8. Elegy** – (Noun) – a song or poem that mourns the passing of thing, usually a person, people, or way of life.

Example – The warriors sang an elegy of their fallen comrade and his mighty deeds.

Synonyms – Dirge, requiem, lament, knell, funeral song. Antonyms – N/A

**9. Epic** – (Noun) - a long, narrative poem about the exploits of a national hero.

Example – Each culture has its own great epic of a hero that saves the people from danger or brings them enlightenment.

Synonyms – N/A Antonyms – N/A

**10. Epic Hero** – (Noun) – a character that embodies the values of a given society and often saves the people from some sort of danger (the protagonist / main character of an epic).

Example – Superman stands for truth, justice, and the American way, making him an appropriate epic hero for the United States.

Synonyms – N/A Antonyms – N/A

**11. Fane** – (Noun) – A temple, church, or sanctuary.

Example – The worshippers entered the fane for their ceremonies.

Synonyms – Temple, church, sanctuary. Antonyms – N/A

**12. Fatalism** – (Noun) – the belief in fate or destiny.

Example – No matter what choices he made, the fatalist knew that he would always end up in this place.

Synonyms – Destinism, determinism, predestination. Antonyms – N/A

**13. Foundling** – (Noun) – an infant or small child found abandoned; a child without a known parent or guardian.

Example – When they answered the doorbell, the couple discovered a foundling on their doorstep.

Synonyms – Orphan, castaway, waif. Antonyms – N/A

**14. Kenning** – (Noun) **-** A poetic device involving a two-to-three word descriptive name used in place of the actual name.

Example – Sailors often used “whale path” as a kenning for the ocean.

Synonyms – N/A Antonyms – N/A

**15. Moorland** – (Noun) – a tract of open, peaty wasteland, often overgrown with heath, common in high latitudes and altitudes where drainage is poor.

Example – It was difficult for anything to stay dry when walking knee deep in the moorlands.

Synonyms – Moors, marsh, fens, swamp, bog, mire. Antonyms – N/A

**16. Squadron** – (Noun) – a group of soldiers or military units organized for a purpose. (Verb) – to form into such a group.

Example – The squadrons attacked the enemy forces.

Synonyms – Armada, battalion, fleet, squad, unit. Antonyms – N/A

**17. Thane** – (Noun) – men granted weapons, armor, wealth, titles, and lands by the king or by lords for military service.

Example – The king called his thanes to his aide against the dragon.

Synonyms – liegemen. Antonyms – N/A

**18. Wax** – (Verb) – To increase in extent, quantity, intensity, power, etc.

Example – The moon waxed when it was full, and waned into nothingness again.

Synonyms – Enlarge, expand, grow, increase, magnify. Antonyms – Diminish, reduce, shrink.

**19. Welkin** – (Noun) – the sky; the vault of heaven.

Example – The sailor looked up to welkin and saw nothing but the birds and the sun.

Synonyms – Sky, heavens. Antonyms – Ground.

**20. Wyrd** – (Noun) – Fate or destiny.

Example – The brave man did not worry about whether he would win or lose the fight, for he knew he could not change his wyrd.

Synonyms – Fate, destiny, doom. Antonyms – N/A