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

**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. 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

**5. 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

**6. 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

**7. 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

**8. 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

**9. 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

**10. 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

**Mr. Valentine's 12th Grade English - Vocabulary Practice - Week 1**

1. "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Odysseus, Achilles, and Beowulf are all examples of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

3. The warriors believed they were doomed to die, for they could not escape their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. Calling a monster a "dweller in darkness" or a drink a "thirst mutilator" is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

5. The bard sang a sorrowful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the warriors lost that day in battle.

6. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ told the story of how Joe-Bob the Mighty defeated the 20 oz steak in one sitting.

7. Gilbert told Joe-Bob that rocks, trees, and the sky are alive. Gilbert believes in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

8. Many stories have a wise old man that gives the hero council in times of need. The hero and wise old man are both considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

9. The stories of ancient heroes fighting and questing and doing mighty deeds were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

10. The philosopher disputed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in favor of free will.