Mr. Valentine’s 12th Grade English – Vocabulary List 3 – Honors

1. Blench – (Verb) – To shrink, flinch, quail.

Example – The coward blenched before the mighty dragon.

Synonyms – Shrink, flinch, quail. Antonyms – calm, face, steady.

2. Brandish – (Verb) – to shake or wave, as a weapon; flourish.

Example – He brandished his sword as he rode into battle.

Synonyms – wield, flourish, wave. Antonyms – Abandon, conceal, hide.

3. Dauntless – (Adjective) – Not to be intimidated; fearless; intrepid; bold.

Example – The dauntless adventurer walked onward into the zombie-filled tomb.

Synonyms – fearless, intrepid, bold. Antonyms – Afraid, fearful, disheartened.

4. Falchion – (Noun) - a broad sword having a convex edge curving sharply to the point; a generic term for any sword.

Example – Joe-Bob the Mighty swung his falchion at the sea serpent, cleaving it in two.

Synonyms – sword, blade. Antonyms – N/A

5. Forlorn – (Adjective) – desolate or dreary; unhappy or miserable, as in feeling, condition, or appearance.

Example – After the battle was over, the warrior became forlorn, as he realized all his companions were dead.

Synonyms – dreary, unhappy, miserable. Antonyms – cheerful, elated, happy, hopeful.

6. Fray – (Noun) – a fight, battle, or skirmish.

Example – The onlookers saw Joe-Bob battling Gilbert Goober and decided to stay out of the fray.

Synonyms – fight, battle, skirmish. Antonyms – Peace, accord, agreement, truce.

7. Grapple – (Verb) – to hold or make fast to something; to seize in a firm grip.

Example – The warrior grappled with the monster, holding it and pushing it off the cliff.

Synonyms – Hold, grip, seize. Antonym – Let go, release, loose.

8. Guerdon – (Noun) – A reward, recompense, or requital.

Example – After killing the beast, the hero received a mountain of gold as a guerdon.

Synonyms – reward, recompense, requital. Antonym – N/A

9. Haste – (Noun) – Swiftness of motion; speed; celerity; a hurry or rush.

Example – As Anna-Jo had only five minutes left to get to work, she moved with great haste.

Synonyms – Speed, celerity, hurry. Antonyms – Slowness, delay, linger.

10. Largess – (Noun) – generous bestowal of gifts or money.

Example – The king showed great largess when he gave his own gold to his people.

Synonyms – generosity, altruism, benevolence. Antonyms – Stinginess, greed.

11. Laud – (Verb) – to praise or extol.

Example – The people lauded the hero for rescuing them from the trolls.

Synonyms – praise, extol. Antonyms – insult, discourage, disparage.

12. Odious – (Adjective) – deserving or causing hatred; hateful; detestable.

Example – The beast – covered in tentacles, slime, and teeth – looked so odious that most stayed far away.

Synonyms – hateful, detestable, loathsome. Antonyms – attractive, likable, nice, pleasant.

13. Sage – (Noun) – A profoundly wise person. (Adjective) – wise, judicious, or prudent.

Example – The sage gave the man good advice. The advice he gave them was very sage.

Synonyms – wisdom, prudence; wise, judicious, or prudent. Antonyms – unwise, foolish.

14. Sprite – (Noun) – an elf, fairy, or goblin.

Example – Walking through the forest, the lady noticed sprites flitting around the leaves, like twinkling lights with wings.

Synonyms – elf, fairy, goblin. Antonyms – N/A

15. Throng – (Noun) - a multitude of people crowded or assembled together; crowd.

Example – Going to Wal-Mart on a Sunday to get his groceries, Mr. Valentine grew frustrated when a throng of people surrounded each and every item he wanted to get on his very long list.

Synonyms – crowd, swarm, flock. Antonyms – N/A

16. Turbid – (Adjective) – not clear or transparent; clouded; opaque; obscured; confused or muddled.

Example – The turbid waters near the waterfall concealed the rocks and fish below.

Synonyms – Clouded, opaque, obscured. Antonyms – Clear, transparent.

17. Vouchsafe – (Verb) – to grant or give, as by favor, graciousness, or condescension.

Example – The king vouchsafed the people safe passage through his land.

Synonyms – grant, give, gift. Antonyms – Reject, deny, refuse.

18. Wayfarer – (Noun) – a traveler, especially on foot.

Example – The wayfarers journeyed from one town to the next, searching for clues.

Synonyms – travelers, wanderers, adventurers. Antonyms – N/A

19. Welter – (Verb) – to roll, toss, or heave, as waves or the sea.

Example – The waters weltered back and forth, crashing against the wall and receding back again.

Synonyms – Overturn, roll, toss. Antonyms – N/A

20. Yore – (Noun) – Time past, of old, long ago.

Example – In days of yore, people lived in castles and walled cities for protection.

Synonyms – Days gone by, former times, long ago. Antonyms – Present, future, recent.