Mr. Valentine's 12th Grade English - Vocabulary List 5 - Honors (Covering Ch 40 - 75 of SGGK)

1. Barbican - (Noun) - an outwork of a fortified place, as a castle; a defensive outpost.

Example - The soldier admired the **barbican** of the castle and said that it would help in an attack.

Synonyms - N/A Antonyms - N/A

2. Beseech - (Verb) - to implore urgently; to beg eagerly for; solicit.

Example - The captive **beseeched** the prison guard for mercy.

Synonyms - Beg, plead, solicit. Antonyms - Refuse, command.

3. Bower - (Noun) - a leafy shelter or recess; a rustic dwelling; a lady's bedroom in a medieval castle.

Example - The lady felt tired and retired to her **bower**.

Synonyms - Shelter, recess, bedroom. Antonyms - N/A

4. Chamberlain - (Noun) - an official charged with the management of the living quarters of a sovereign or member of the nobility.

Example - The cooks, janitors, and maintenance staff of Lord Joe-Bob's estate all answered to his **chamberlain.**

Synonyms - administrator, pursuer, agent. Antonyms - N/A

5. Commune - (Verb) - to converse or talk together, usually with profound intensity, intimacy, etc; interchange of thoughts or feelings.

Example - The man and woman found a quiet table at the restaurant so that they could better **commune** with one another on their date.

Synonyms - Converse, speak, chat. Antonyms - N/A

6. Damask - (Adjective) - being variegated in two colors.

Example - The Tudor rose is **damasked** with red and white petals.

Synonyms - Variegated. Antonyms - N/A

7. Esquire - (Noun) - An unofficial title of respect; a man belonging to the order of English gentry ranking next below a knight (i.e. a squire).

Example - The two young men introduced themselves as Theodore Logan and Bill S. Preston, esquire.

Synonyms - Squire. Antonyms - N/A

8. Goad - (Verb) - to prick or drive with, as if using a prod; to incite.

Example - The farmer **goaded** the cattle with his electric prod.

Synonyms - Drive, prod, incite. Antonyms - Discourage, dissuade, stop.

9. Gramercy - (Interjection) - Used as an exclamation expressing surprise, sudden strong feeling, or great thanks.

Example - The traveler said, "**Gramercy**!" to his host, who offered him food and shelter after his long journey.

Synonyms - Great thanks, thank you, thanks a lot, thank you very much. Antonyms - No thank you.

10. Hostel - (Noun) - a hotel, inn, or residence hall.

Example - The weary travelers hoped there would be vacancies at the nearest **hostel**.

Synonyms - Hotel, inn, residence hall. Antonyms - N/A

11. Illustrious - (Adjective) - highly distinguished; renowned; famous; glorious, as deeds or works.

Example - The **illustrious** nobleman was known throughout the land for his deeds in battle as well as his generosity.

Synonyms - Distinguished, renowned, famous. Antonyms - Unimportant, unknown, insignificant.

12. Logres - (Noun) - (Also Logris or Loegria) is the name of King Arthur's realm in various legends and romances. This name's origin is uncertain, but effectively means "England." Sometimes it refers specifically to the borders of Britain before it was overtaken by the Anglo-Saxons.

Example - King Arthur and his knights wandered the lands of **logres** in search of battles and challenges.

Synonyms - England, Britain, United Kingdom. Antonyms - N/A

13. Mass - (Noun) - The term used to refer to the Catholic church service, especially when it includes the celebration of the Eucharist.

Example - The people went to **mass** on Sunday, often followed by coffee and donuts in the local shop or a lengthy round of grocery shopping.

Synonyms - Church service. Antonyms - N/A

14. Palisade - (Noun) - a fence of pales or stakes set firmly into the ground, as for enclosure or defense.

Example - Soldiers flocked to the **palisades** to defend the outer borders of the castle.

Synonyms - barrier, fence, stockade, defense. Antonyms - N/A

15. Penance - (Noun) - a form of punishment or discipline undertaken in an effort to seek forgiveness / absolution for a sin, crime, or wrongdoing of some kind.

Example - For covetous thoughts, the man was given three prayers to say for his **penance**.

Synonyms - Punishment, discipline, penitence. Antonyms - Reward, guerdon, happiness.

16. Pinnacle - (Noun) - a lofty peak; the highest or culminating point; the apex.

Example - The knight new, somehow, that the princess was being held in the **pinnacle** of the castle.

Synonym - Apex, peak, zenith. Antonym - Nadir, bottom, base.

17. Quibble - (Verb) - to give criticizing comments so as to avoid the actual issue.

Example - When Joe-Bob asked if the business plan was a good idea, Judy **quibbled**, "Well, maybe your shirt wasn't a good idea; did you ever think of that?"

Synonyms - Criticize, carp, cavil, misdirect, dodge. Antonym - Praise, concur, approve, agree.

18. Riven - (Adjective) - rent or split apart.

Example - When Gilbert brought down the axe, the log looked cracked and riven, but not completely separated.

Synonyms - Rent, split, cracked. Antonym - Whole, complete, unseparated.

19. Truant - (Adjective) - Neglectful of duty or responsibility.

Example - The knight felt that if he did not go out to face the dragon and save the children, that he would be truant in his duties.

Synonyms - Idle, remiss, lazy. Antonyms - N/A

20. Tryst - (Noun) - An appointment to meet at a certain time and place, especially one made somewhat secretly by lovers.

Example - Romeo and Juliet arranged a tryst where neither the Montagues nor the Capulets could find them.

Synonyms - Date, rendezvous, appointment. Antonyms - Separation, division.