Mr. Valentine’s 12th Grade English – Vocabulary List 11 – Standard – Sherlock Option

“A Scandal in Bohemia” and General Terminology

1. Abhorrent (Adjective) – Causing repugnance; detestable; loathsome.

Ex: An abhorrent deed.

2. Averse (Adjective) – Having a strong feeling of opposition toward.

Ex: The child was averse to eating the Brussels sprouts.

3. Bohemian (Adjective) – a person, often an artist or writer, who lives an unconventional lifestyle.

 Ex: When Gilbert became a painter, he lived a very unconventional, bohemian life-style.

4. Carte-Blanche (Noun) – Unconditional authority; full discretionary power.

Ex: The man had carte-blanche on his shopping spree.

5. Compunction (Noun) – A feeling of uneasiness or anxiety of the conscience caused by regret for doing wrong or causing pain; contrition; remorse.

Ex: Joe-Bob felt compunction at kicking the dog.

6. Deduction (Noun) – A process of reasoning that works from the more general to the more specific (theory, hypothesis, observation, confirmation).

Ex: Floober theorized that cheese was the best topping for his sandwich, then used deduction to test his theory: he tried many toppings, but cheese proved the best.

7. Dubious (Adjective) Doubtful; questionable; of uncertain outcome.

Ex: The man’s credentials were dubious.

8. Epistle (Noun) – A letter. Epistolary (Adjective) – Anything written in letter form.

Ex: Many Victorian novels and short stories were written as a series of letters, journal entries, etc – in epistolary form.

9. Induction (Noun) – A process of reasoning that works from the specific to the general (observations, pattern, tentative hypothesis, theory).

Ex: Bobbi Jo used induction; she tried many toppings on her sandwich, and on liking cheese the most, determined it was the best topping.

10. Introspection (Noun) – The act or process of looking into oneself.

Ex: The therapist guided Gilbert to look inward, to practice introspection, in order to solve his problems.