Mr. Valentine’s 10th Grade English – Vocabulary List for Unit 2, Week 1

**1. Comedy – (Noun)** – A genre of drama in which there are many flawed characters, a complex plot, awkward situations, pastoral settings, and frequently, ending with a wedding or the promise of a wedding.

**2. Compunction – (Noun)** – Feelings of remorse, regret, or guilt.

**3. Decrepit – (Adjective)** – worn-out by old age or use.

**4. Disdain – (Noun)** – Scorn.

**5. Drama – (Noun)** – A narrative intended to be depicted by actors on stage.

**6. Expedient – (Noun)** – Something that is useful or helpful.

**7. Pantheon – (Noun)** – The whole collection or hierarchy of gods and goddesses that a people believes in.

**8. Polytheism – (Noun)** – The belief in many gods.

**9. Tragedy – (Noun)** – A genre of drama in which there is one very noble character with one major flaw, which often leads to his death.

**10. Tragic Flaw – (Noun)** – The tragic hero’s flaw, aka hamartia, that often leads to his death. Common tragic flaws include pride, rage, or a lack of knowledge.

Practice Problems

1. The adventurers thought to take shelter in the old shack in the woods, but it had stood there so long without any repairs that was truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , its walls falling apart and its roof full of holes.

2. Unless she might get lost, the hiker found it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take a free map from the display at the start of the trail before going on her hike.

3. Hamlet is a very good and noble Prince of Denmark; however, when his uncle murders his father, his thirst for revenge becomes his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leading to his death and the deaths of many others.

4. As Hamlet ends in the death of the noble hero, and the deaths of many others, it is considered a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Zeus, Hera, Apollo, Athena, and Artemis, are all members of the Greek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

6. Many ancient cultures -- such as the Mesopotamians, Egyptians, Greeks, or Romans -- practiced a type of religion called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

7. The teacher stated that the story should not simply be read, but be seen performed live as the author intended – this is because the story was written as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Some feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they make a mistake or do something wrong; others seem to feel nothing at all, going on to do one horrible thing after another without hesitation.

9. *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* involves many folks in love going into the forest, having wacky adventures, then coming back to the town to get married; this play is a good example of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

10. Some folks love experimenting with new and exotic toppings on pizzas; others look at the idea of pineapple or sardines touching their pizza with great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .