

9th Grade Vocabulary List 1

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Adulterate	v.	-to corrupt or make worse by addition of something of lesser value
2. Augment	v.	-to make large or increase
3. Bereft	v.	-deprived of; made unhappy through a loss
4. Disparage	v.	-express a negative opinion which often results in a diminished value
5. Dour	adj.	-stern, unyielding, gloomy, or ill-humored
6. Encapsulate	v.	-to enclose in
7. Fortitude	n.	-courage in facing difficulty
8. Insidious	adj.	-intended to deceive or entrap; sly, treacherous
9. Intimate	v.	-a hint or indirect suggestion
10. Opulent	adj.	-wealthy, luxurious, ample, grandiose
11. Ostensible	adj.	-of or related to motives or facts that are apparent but not necessarily real or true
12. Pliable	adj.	-easily bent; flexible; easily influenced
13. Proscribe	v.	-command against
14. Recede	v.	-move back or retreat
15. Reiterate	v.	-to say again or repeat
16. Remittance	n.	-payment
17. Sophistry	n.	-elaborate and eloquent but logically invalid arguments often intended to deceive
18. Stolid	adj.	-not easily moved mentally or emotionally; unresponsive
19. Tentative	adj.	-experimental in nature; uncertain; hesitant
20. Vernacular	n.	-common language; everyday speech; often related to a particular locale

9th Grade Vocabulary List 2

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Abdicate	v.	-to give up a position, a right, or power
2. Blight	n.	-an affliction, destroying element, or disease
3. Blithe	adj.	-joyful, cheerful, or without appropriate thought
4. Ephemeral	adj.	-lasting a short time
5. Fervid	adj.	-intensely emotional
6. Fetid	adj.	-z
7. Flag	v.	-to decline in vigor, strength, or interest
8. Florid	adj.	-excessively decorated or embellished
9. Glower	v.	-to glare at or stare angrily or intensely at
10. Gullible	adj.	-easily deceived
11. Irascible	adj.	-easily made angry
12. Ignominy	n.	-public shame or disgrace
13. Lament	v.	-to express sorrow or grief
14. Monastic	adj.	-extremely plain or secluded
15. Nominal	adj.	-existing in name only; negligible
16. Nuance	n.	-a subtle expression of meaning or quality
17. Pathology	n.	-foul smelling or putrid
18. Sedition	n.	-behavior that promotes rebellion or civil disorder
19. Specious	adj.	-deceptively attractive; seemingly plausible but fallacious
20. Tawdry	adj.	-cheap, gaudy, or showy

9th Grade Vocabulary List 3

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Austere	adj.	-severe or stern in appearance; undecorated
2. Banal	adj.	-predictable, clichéd, boring
3. Belfry	n.	-a bell tower; a room in which a bell is hung
4. Chauvinist	n.	-someone prejudiced in favor of the group to which he or she belongs
5. Corroborate	v.	-to support with evidence
6. Crescendo	n.	-steadily increasing in volume, force, or pitch to a terminal peak
7. Dissemble	v.	-to present a false appearance; to disguise one's real intentions or character
8. Emulate	v.	-to copy; to try to equal or excel
9. Expurgate	v.	-to censor or edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate
10. Fecund	adj.	-fertile, fruitful, or productive
11. Frugality	n.	-tending to be thrifty or cheap
12. Grovel	v.	-to humble oneself in a demeaning way
13. Guile	n.	-deceit or trickery
14. Hegemony	n.	-the domination of one state or group over its allies
15. Luminous	adj.	-bright, brilliant, glowing
16. Nascent	adj.	-starting to develop or coming into existence
17. Parley	v.	-discuss, usually between enemies
18. Sanguine	adj.	-ruddy, cheerfully optimistic
19. Sportive	adj.	-frolicsome, playful
20. Stratagem	n.	-a trick designed to deceive or to gain advantage over

9th Grade Vocabulary List 4

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Assuage	v.	-to make something unpleasant less severe; to reduce severity
2. Audacious	adj.	-fearless and daring
3. Circumspect	adj.	-cautious; aware of potential consequences
4. Condone	v.	-to overlook, harden, or disregard
5. Desiccate	v.	-to dry out thoroughly
6. Diatribe	n.	-an abusive, condemnatory speech
7. Dogmatic	adj.	-dictatorial in one's opinion
8. Droll	adj.	-amusing in a wry, subtle way
9. Eloquent	adj.	-persuasive and moving especially in speech
10. Fallow	adj.	-dormant; unused
11. Furtive	adj.	-secret or stealthy
12. Lampoon	v.	-to ridicule usually with satire
13. Malinger	v.	-to evade responsibility
14. Orotund	adj.	-pompous
15. Reticent	adj.	-silent or reserved
16. Sardonic	adj.	-cynical; scornfully mocking
17. Sully	v.	-to tarnish or taint
18. Surfeit	n.	-an excessive amount
19. Verdant	adj.	-green with vegetation; inexperienced
20. Vernal	adj.	-related to spring, youth, or freshness

9th Grade Vocabulary List 5

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Advocate	n.	-one that pleads the cause of another
2. Belabor	v.	-to explain or insist on excessively
3. Complaisance	n.	-disposition to please or comply
4. Corpulent	adj.	-having a large bulky body
5. Debut	n.	-a first appearance or formal entrance into society
6. Effectual	adj.	-producing or able to produce a desired result
7. Filibuster	n.	-the use of tactics to delay or prevent action especially in a legislative assembly
8. Galvanized	adj.	-subjected to the action of an electric current for the purpose of stimulating physiologically
9. Impropriety	n.	-an improper or indecorous act or remark
10. Minutiae	n.	-a minor detail
11. Ostracism	n.	-exclusion by general consent
12. Peccadillo	n.	-a slight offense
13. Rent	v.	-synonymous to the past tense of tear
14. Ribald	adj.	-crude, offensive
15. Solace	v.	-to comfort in grief or misfortune
16. Tare	n.	-a weed of grain in fields; an undesirable element
17. Torpid	adj.	-lacking in energy or vigor
18. Undermined	adj.	-weakened insidiously or secretly
19. Virulence	n.	-extreme bitterness or malignity of temper
20. Vivacity	n.	-the quality of state of being lively in temper, conduct, or spirit

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Confer	v.	-to compare views or take counsel
2. Denounce	v.	-to pronounce to be blameworthy or evil
3. Dispatch	v.	-to send off or away with promptness or speed
4. Dispensation	n.	-a general state or ordering of things
5. Edifice	n.	-a large or massive structure
6. Flippant	adj.	-lacking proper respect or seriousness
7. Gerontocracy	n.	-rule by elders
8. Idyll	n.	-a simple descriptive work in poetry or prose that deals with rustic life or pastoral scenes
9. Inefficacious	adj.	-lacking the power to produce a desired effect
10. Irradiate	v.	-to cast rays of light upon
11. Opaque	adj.	-hard to understand or explain
12. Quixotic	adj.	-foolishly impractical especially in the pursuit of ideals
13. Superlative	adj.	-of very high quality
14. Tyro	n.	-a beginner in learning
15. Unfrock	v.	-defrock: remove from a position of honor or privilege
16. Unscathed	adj.	-wholly unharmed; not injured
17. Vicarious	adj.	-performed or suffered by one person as a substitute for another or to the benefit or advantage of another
18. Whet	v.	-to make keen or more acute
19. Whittle	v.	-to reduce, remove, or destroy gradually
20. Wizen	v.	-to become dry, shrunken, and wrinkled often as a result of aging or failing vitality

9th Grade Vocabulary List 7

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Approbation	n.	-an act of approving formally or officially
2. Augury	n.	-divination from auspices or omens
3. Coddle	v.	-to treat with extreme or excessive care or kindness
4. Effuse	v.	-to flow out
5. Erudite	adj.	-having or showing knowledge that is gained by studying
6. Gaunt	adj.	-excessively thin and angular
7. Imprecate	v.	-to invoke evil on
8. Lag	v.	-to stay or fall behind
9. Lucid	adj.	-clear to the understanding
10. Neologism	n.	-a newly invented word, usage, or phrase
11. Paean	n.	-a work that praises or honors its subject
12. Prattle	v.	-to say in an unaffected or childish manner
13. Refute	v.	-to prove wrong by argument or evidence
14. Seminal	adj.	-containing or contributing the seeds of later development
15. Sinewy	adj.	-tough, stringy
16. Stinting	v.	-sparing or frugal
17. Stratagem	n.	-a cleverly contrived trick or scheme for gaining an end
18. Synapse	n.	-the point at which a nervous impulse passes from one neuron to another
19. Usurp	v.	-to take or make use of without right
20. Xenophobe	n.	-one unduly fearful of what is foreign and especially of people of foreign origin

9th Grade Vocabulary List 8

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Accede	v.	-to express approval or give consent
2. Accession	n.	-increase by something added
3. Comity	n.	-friendly social atmosphere
4. Corporeal	adj.	-having, consisting of, or relating to a physical material body
5. Fervor	n.	-intensity of feeling or expression
6. Fiasco	n.	-a complete failure
7. Illusory	adj.	-based on or producing illusion; deceptive
8. Kindle	v.	-to stir up
9. Libel	n.	-a written or oral statement that unjustly attacks a person's character or reputation
10. Licentious	adj.	-lacking legal or moral restraints
11. Limpid	adj.	-marked by transparency
12. Marsupial	n.	-any of an order of mammals comprising kangaroos, wombats, bandicoots, opossums, and related animals
13. Milieu	n.	-the physical or social setting in which something occurs or develops
14. Pommel	n.	-a word used to refer to a knob on a sword or a saddle
15. Prolixity	n.	-the condition of being long or drawn out
16. Quail	v.	-to give way or recoil in dread or terror
17. Runic	n.	-having some secret or mysterious meaning
18. Salvo	n.	-a means of alleviating one's conscience
19. Stoke	v.	-to poke or stir up
20. Tremulous	adj.	-exceedingly sensitive; easily shaken or disordered

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Allocate	v.	-to set apart for a special purpose; designate
2. Aphoristic	adj.	-in the form of a tersely stated truth or opinion
3. Arrant	adj.	-utter; complete
4. Chimera	n.	-something consisting of diverse construction (note the word's origin in Greek mythology)
5. Deteriorate	v.	-to become impaired in quality, function, or condition
6. Didactic	adj.	-involving or characterized by instruction
7. Disconsolate	adj.	-dejected, downcast, unhappy
8. Estuary	n.	-a passage of water where a river current meets the tide
9. Exceptionable	adj.	-something that is likely to cause objection; may mean offensive
10. Gradgrind	n.	-a person who is obsessed with minutiae and formalities
11. Hankering	n.	-a strong, persistent desire
12. Indigenous	adj.	-originating in and characteristic of a particular region
13. Liege	n.	-someone who is faithful and loyal
14. Optimize	v.	-to cause something to use its full potential
15. Penchant	n.	-a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something
16. Proponents	n.	-a person who advocates a particular position or idea
17. Ravage	v.	-to have a violent destructive effect
18. Stimulate	v.	-to increase or encourage the level of response
19. Trinket	n.	-a small ornament or thing of little value
20. Vituperate	v.	-to blame or insult someone in strong or violent language

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Accolade	n.	-a mark of acknowledgement; award
2. Apothecary	n.	-one who prepares and sells drugs for medicinal purposes
3. Askance	adv.	-with disapproval or distrust
4. Blunderbuss	n.	-a blundering person
5. Burnish	v.	-to polish
6. Cognitive	adj.	-of, relating to, being, or involving conscious intellectual activity
7. Concupiscence	n.	-strong desire
8. Coterie	n.	-an intimate and often exclusive group with a unifying common interest or purpose
9. Debilitating	adj.	-impairing the strength of
10. Epigram	n.	-a terse, sage, or witty and often paradoxical saying
11. Hinder	v.	-to make slow or difficult the progress of
12. Impertinent	adj.	-given to or characterized by insolent rudeness
13. Pariah	n.	-one that is despised or rejected
14. Probate	n.	-the judicial determination of the validity of a will
15. Recumbent	adj.	-suggestive of repose
16. Recuperate	v.	-to regain a former state or condition
17. Stifle	v.	To withhold from circulation or expression
18. Tendentious	adj.	-marked by a tendency in favor of a particular point of view; biased
19. Torturous	adj.	-painfully difficult or slow
20. Urban	adj.	-of, relating to, characteristic of, or constituting a city

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Brine	n.	-water saturated with salt; the water of a salt sea or lake
2. Cauterize	v.	-to sear with a cautery or caustic; to make insensible
3. Chattel	n.	-an item of property
4. Decoy	n.	-someone or something used to draw attention away from another
5. Desecration	n.	-an act or instance of treating disrespectfully, irreverently, or outrageously
6. Dilapidated	adj.	-decayed, deteriorated, or fallen into partial ruin especially through neglect or misuse
7. Enigma	n.	-something hard to understand or explain
8. Extradite	v.	-to deliver up an alleged criminal from one authority (as a state or country) to another
9. Feasible	adj.	-capable of being done or carried out
10. Feckless	adj.	-weak, ineffective; worthless, irresponsible
11. Objective	adj.	-not influenced by personal feelings or opinions; unbiased
12. Ruminare	v.	-to engage in contemplation
13. Sage	adj.	-wise through reflection and experience
14. Sere	adj.	-being dried and withered
15. Sporadic	adj.	-occurring occasionally, singly, or in irregular or random instances
16. Stevedore	n.	-one who works at or is responsible for loading and unloading ships in port
17. Torrid	adj.	-giving off intense heat
18. Upbraid	v.	-to reproach or criticize severely
19. Weighty	adj.	-of much importance or consequence
20. Whelp	n.	-a creature characterized by youth or inexperience, normally used in reference to dogs or humans

9th Grade Vocabulary List 12

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Adversity	n.	-a state, condition, or instance of serious or continued difficulty
2. Aesthetic	adj.	-having to do with what is beautiful
3. Autumnal	adj.	-of, characteristic of, or occurring in autumn
4. Bight	n.	-a bend in a coast forming an open bay
5. Bombastic	adj.	-marked by or given to pretentious inflated speech or writing; pompous, overblown
6. Comeliness	n.	-the condition of being pleasing and wholesome in appearance
7. Digress	v.	-to turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument
8. Fastidious	adj.	-having high and often capricious standards; difficult to please
9. Fringe	n.	-something that is marginal or additional to some activity, process, or subject
10. Frugality	n.	-the quality of being prudent in the use of resources
11. Insatiable	adj.	-incapable of being satisfied
12. Interdict	n.	-a prohibitory decree
13. Meet	adj.	-(not in the rendezvous sense); fitting, appropriate
14. Opprobrium	n.	-something that brings disgrace; contempt, reproach
15. Peripatetic	n.	-pedestrian; itinerant
16. Prostrate	adj.	-lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downward; may indicate reverence or submission
17. Ramble	v.	-to move aimlessly from place to place
18. Stygian	adj.	-relating to the river Styx; extremely dark, gloomy, or forbidding
19. Umbrage	n.	-a feeling of pique or resentment at some often fancied slight or insult
20. Vexation	n.	-a cause of trouble

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Adamant	adj.	-unshakable or insistent especially in maintaining a position or opinion
2. Contiguous	adj.	-touching along a boundary or at a point
3. Dally	v.	-to deal lightly; to waste time
4. Debauchery	n.	-extreme indulgence in sensuality
5. Deign	v.	-to condescend reluctantly and with a strong sense of the affront to one's superiority
6. Deliquesce	v.	-to dissolve or melt away
7. Dolorous	adj.	-causing, marked by, or expressing misery or grief
8. Dubious	adj.	-giving rise to uncertainty or unsettled in opinion
9. Epithet	n.	-a characterizing word or phrase accompanying or occurring in place of the name of a person or thing
10. Improbability	n.	-lack of honesty or moral scruples
11. Permeate	v.	-to diffuse through or penetrate something
12. Prudish	adj.	-marked by excessive or priggish attention to propriety or decorum
13. Sally	v.	-to leap out or burst forth suddenly; set out, depart
14. Sinistral	adj.	-of, relating to, or inclined to the left; left-handed
15. Stomach	v.	-to bear without overt reaction or resentment; put up with
16. Strut	v.	-to walk with a proud gait or a pompous and affected air
17. Taunt	n.	-a sarcastic challenge or insult
18. Astringent	adj.	-causing the contraction of body tissues, typically skin cells
19. Veneration	n.	-respect or awe inspired by the dignity, wisdom, dedication, or talent of a person
20. Wary	adj.	-marked by keen caution, cunning, and watchfulness especially in detecting and escaping danger

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Acrid	adj.	-sharp and harsh or unpleasantly pungent in taste or odor
2. Anathema	n.	-the denunciation of something as accursed
3. Castigate	v.	-to subject to severe punishment, reproof, or criticism
4. Clairvoyance	n.	-ability to perceive matters beyond the range of ordinary perception
5. Coerce	v.	-to restrain or dominate by force
6. Dirge	n.	-a song or hymn of grief or lamentation
7. Discountenance	v.	-to look with disfavor on; discourage by evidence of disapproval
8. Enunciation	n.	-a systematic and usually clear statement
9. Eradicate	v.	-to do away with completely
10. Inviolable	adj.	-secure from violation, profanation, assault, or trespass
11. Marred	adj.	-having been affected negatively
12. Myriad	adj.	-having innumerable aspects or elements
13. Obdurate	adj.	-stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing or hardened in feelings
14. Obscure	adj.	-not readily understood or clearly expressed
15. Recede	v.	-to move back or away; to grow less or smaller
16. Redoubtable	adj.	-causing fear or alarm; also illustrious or eminent
17. Serene	adj.	-marked by or suggestive of utter calm and unruffled repose or quietude
18. Sluggard	n.	-a habitually lazy person
19. Sordid	adj.	-marked by baseness or grossness
20. Stereotype	n.	-something conforming to a fixed or general pattern

9th Grade Vocabulary List 15

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Auspicious	adj.	-showing or suggesting that future success is likely
2. Begrudge	v.	-to give or concede reluctantly or with displeasure
3. Compromise	n.	-a concession to something derogatory or prejudicial
4. Braggadocio	n.	-boastful or arrogant behavior
5. Daguerreotype	n.	-an early photograph produced on a silver or silver-covered copper plate
6. Diorama	n.	-a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures either in miniature or as a large scale recreation
7. Disabuse	v.	-to free from error, fallacy, or misconception
8. Docile	adj.	-easily taught, led, or managed
9. Emollient	adj.	-making soft; also making less intense or harsh
10. Gavel	n.	-a mallet used for commanding attention or confirming an action
11. Luscious	adj.	-having a delicious taste or smell; richly luxurious or appealing to the senses
12. Notoriety	n.	-the quality or state of being generally known and talked of usually unfavorably
13. Pique	n.	-a transient feeling of wounded vanity
14. Promulgate	v.	-to make known by open declaration
15. Remonstrance	n.	-an earnest presentation of reasons for opposition or grievance
16. Apotheosis	n.	-the highest point in the development of something; its culmination or climax
17. Slew	n.	-a large number
18. Vendible	adj.	-capable of being sold
19. Vertigo	n.	-a sensation of whirling or loss of balance
20. Wile	n.	-a trick or stratagem intended to ensnare or deceive

9th Grade Vocabulary List 16

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Aberration	n.	-the fact or instance of deviating especially from a moral standard or normal state
2. Abraded	v.	-to rub or wear away especially by friction
3. Aural	adj.	-of or relating to the ear or to the sense of hearing
4. Aurora	n.	-dawn; the Roman goddess of dawn -a luminous phenomenon of that consists of streamers of light in the upper atmosphere
5. Compliant	adj.	-ready or disposed to conform, submit, or adapt
6. Complicity	n.	-association or participation in or as if in a wrongful act
7. Diligent	adj.	-characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort
8. Din	n.	-a loud continued noise
9. Exculpate	v.	-to clear from alleged fault or guilt
10. Execrable	adj.	-very bad; wretched
11. Hangar	n.	-shelter, shed; especially a covered and enclosed area for housing and repairing aircraft
12. Harangue	n.	-a speech addressed to a public assembly; a ranting speech or writing
13. Inveigh	v.	-to protest or complain bitterly or vehemently
14. Merge	v.	-to blend gradually by stages that blur distinctions; to become combined into one
15. Meticulous	adj.	-marked by extreme or excessive care in the consideration or treatment of details
16. Patron	n.	-one that uses wealth or influence to help an individual, institution, or cause -one who buys the goods or uses the services offered especially by an establishment
17. Psychosis	n.	-fundamental derangement of the mind characterized by defective or lost contact with reality especially as evidenced by delusions, hallucinations, and disorganized speech and behavior
18. Pugnacious	adj.	-having a quarrelsome or combative nature
19. Pundit	n.	-a person who gives opinions in an authoritative manner usually through the mass media
20. Wreak	v.	-to bring about; cause

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Abrasive	adj.	-causing irritation
2. Abscission	n.	-the act or process of cutting off
3. Avarice	n.	-excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain
4. Aver	v.	-to allege or assert in pleading
5. Concatenate	adj.	-linked together
6. Stricture	n.	-a restriction on a person or activity
7. Disapprobation	n.	-the act or state of disapproving
8. Exhaustive	adj.	-testing all possibilities or considering all elements
9. Exhilarate	v.	-to make cheerful and excited
10. Haughtiness	n.	-the condition of being blatantly and disdainfully proud
11. Intransigence	n.	-the quality or state of refusing to compromise or abandon an extreme position or attitude
12. Ire	n.	-intense and usually openly displayed anger
13. Millinery	n.	-women's apparel for the head
14. Mince	v.	-to utter or pronounce with affectation
15. Pecuniary	adj.	-of or relating to money
16. Pedant	n.	-one who makes a show of knowledge
17. Purist	n.	-a person who adheres strictly and often excessively to a tradition
18. Semantic	adj.	-of or relating to meaning in language
19. Titter	v.	-to laugh in a nervous, affected, or partly suppressed manner
20. Virtuosity	n.	-great technical skill as in the practice of a fine art

9th Grade Vocabulary List 18

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Abstain	v.	-to refrain deliberately and often with an effort of self-denial from an action or practice
2. Abstemious	adj.	-marked by restraint especially in the consumption of food or alcohol
3. Balm	n.	-a soothing restorative agency
4. Conciliate	v.	-to gain by pleasing acts; appease
5. Discord	n.	-a lack of agreement or harmony as between persons, things, or ideas
6. Exemplar	n.	-one that serves as a model or example; often an ideal or standard
7. Exorbitant	adj.	-exceeding the customary or appropriate limits in intensity, quality, amount, or size
8. Hasten	v.	-to move or act quickly; to urge on
9. Headstrong	adj.	-not easily restrained; impatient of control, advice, or suggestions
10. Invidious	adj.	-tending to cause discontent, animosity, or envy -of an unpleasant or objectionable nature
11. Irksome	adj.	-tending to make weary, irritated, or bored
12. Mettle	n.	-vigor and strength of spirit or temperament
13. Minion	n.	-a servile dependent, follower, or underling
14. Partiality	n.	-a special taste or liking
15. Peer	n.	-one that is of equal standing with another
16. Peerless	adj.	-matchless, incomparable
17. Quack	n.	-charlatan; a pretender to medical skill
18. Quagmire	n.	-a difficult, precarious, or entrapping position
19. Stipple	v.	-to mark a surface with numerous small dots or specks
20. Vitiate	v.	-to spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of something

9th Grade Vocabulary List 19

WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Absolution	n.	-the act of setting free from an obligation or the consequences of guilt
2. Abysmal	adj.	-having immense or fathomless extension downward, backward, or inward
3. Avocation	n.	-a subordinate occupation pursued in addition to one's vocation especially for enjoyment
4. Banal	adj.	-lacking originality, freshness, or novelty
5. Concur	v.	-to express agreement; to act together to a common end
6. Concurrent	adj.	-operating or occurring at the same time
7. Contagious	adj.	-communicable by contact
8. Disburse	v.	-to make a payment in settlement of
9. Discordancy	n.	-the state of not being in accord; the state of being disagreeable in sound
10. Exigency	n.	-a state of affairs that makes urgent demands
11. Exorcism	n.	-the expulsion or attempted expulsion of an evil spirit
12. Hawser	n.	-a large rope for towing, mooring, or securing a ship
13. Internecine	adj.	-of, relating to, or involving conflict within a group
14. Iridescence	n.	-a lustrous or attractive quality or effect
15. Ironic	adj.	-describes a situation which is contrary to normal expectation often with humorous effect
16. Misconstrue	v.	-to mistake the meaning of; misinterpret
17. Pedantic	adj.	-overly concerned with minute details; formalism
18. Pejorative	n.	-a statement or a description that is intended to disparage or belittle
19. Toady	n.	-one who flatters with the intent of gaining favor
20. Virtuoso	n.	-one skilled in or having a taste for fine arts

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WORD	POS	DEFINITION & NOTES
1. Achromatic	adj.	-being without accidentals or modulation
2. Bane	n.	-a source of harm or ruin
3. Befuddle	v.	-to confuse or muddle
4. Confound	v.	-to confuse, perplex, or put to shame
5. Consecrate	v.	-to set a part for a particular purpose, often religious
6. Discrete	adj.	-individually separate and distinct
7. Expatriate	v.	-to speak or write at length or in detail
8. Garish	adj.	-offensively or distressingly vivid
9. Heresy	n.	-an opinion or belief that is contrary to church teaching
10. Hiatus	n.	-an interruption in time or continuity
11. Irrational	adj.	-not endowed with reason or understanding
12. Misnomer	n.	-an incorrect name or inappropriate designation
13. Misogyny	n.	-a hatred of women
14. Pensive	adj.	-musingly or dreamily
15. Percipient	adj.	-having good understanding, perceptive
16. Quarantine	n.	-a state, period, or place of isolation
17. Quay	n.	-a structure built along the bank of a waterway that is used as a landing place
18. Vehemence	n.	-intensity or forcefulness of expression
19. Vitriolic	adj.	-a harsh or corrosive tone
20. Zany	adj.	-amusingly unconventional and idiosyncratic

