

Midterm Vocabulary List 1

Study these words for your midterm!

1. Copious (adj.): Containing plenty; large in quantity
2. Farcical (adj.): Ridiculously clumsy; absurd
3. Gullible (adj.): Easily deceived or duped
4. Idyllic (adj.): Simple; carefree
5. Incessant (adj.): Continuing without interruption
6. Indulgent (adj.): Given to tolerance; lenient; merciful
7. Loquacious (adj.): Very talkative; chatty
8. Ludicrous (adj.): Laughable or hilarious because of obvious absurdity; nonsensical
9. Nefarious (adj.): Infamous by way of being extremely wicked; despicable
10. Superficial (adj.): Concerned with or understanding only what is obvious; shallow; insignificant
11. Assail (v.): To attack with violent blows and/or words; assault
12. Assiduous (adj.): Constant in application or attention; diligent; unceasing; persistent
13. Benevolent (adj.): Characterized by doing good; charitable; compassionate; generous
14. Coalesce (v.): To grow together; to come together to form a whole; unite; combine
15. Eccentric (adj.): Departing from an established norm or pattern; unconventional; odd
16. Efface (v.): To rub or wipe out; to make indistinct; erase; obliterate
17. Enhance (v.): To make greater; to improve; boost
18. Incandescent (adj.): Emitting visible light; shining brilliantly; luminous; bright
19. Kindle (v.): To build or fuel; to cause to glow; to arouse an emotion; encourage; provoke
20. Lethargy (n.): State of sluggishness, inactivity, and apathy; laziness; weariness

Midterm Vocabulary List 2

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1. Delineate (v.): To define or explain; describe; outline
2. Didactic (adj.): Intended to instruct; inclined to teach; educational; informative
3. Expedite (v.): To speed up progress of; to execute quickly; accelerate; rush
4. Imminent (adj.): About to occur; impending; looming
5. Juxtapose (v.): To place side by side for contrast
6. Lucid (adj.): Easily understood; mentally sound; logical; rational
7. Malleable (v.): Capable of being shaped or formed; easily controlled or influenced; impressionable
8. Pious (adj.): Having religious reverence; religious; devout; virtuous; moral
9. Reiterate (v.): To say or do again or repeatedly; repeat; go over
10. Strident (adj.): Loud, harsh, grating, or shrill; noisy
11. Belabor (v.): To discuss repeatedly or at length; overstress
12. Conflagration (n.): Large, destructive fire; inferno
13. Conspicuous (adj.): Easy to notice; obvious; attracting attention; prominent
14. Contrite (adj.): Feeling regret and sorrow; remorseful; apologetic
15. Corroborate (v.): To strengthen or support with evidence; confirm; substantiate
16. Hiatus (n.): A gap or interruption; pause; interval
17. Histrionic (adj.): Excessively dramatic or emotional; exaggerated; insincere
18. Nonchalant (adj.): Seeming to be coolly unconcerned or indifferent; casual; detached
19. Pretentious (adj.): Making or marked by an extravagant outward show; showy; pompous; conceited
20. Quell (v.): To put down forcibly; to quiet; suppress; soothe

Midterm Vocabulary List 3

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1. Archaic (adj.): No longer current or applicable; old; outdated
2. Debunk (v.): To expose or ridicule falseness or exaggerated claims; deflate; discredit
3. Enigma (n.): Something puzzling or inexplicable; mystery; puzzle
4. Extraneous (adj.): Not constituting a vital element; inessential; irrelevant; unrelated
5. Gesticulate (v.): To make gestures while speaking to add emphasis
6. Labyrinth (n.): Intricate structure; interconnecting passages; maze
7. Obscure (adj.): Deficient in light; dark; not readily noticed or seen; not clearly understood; vague
8. Provincial (adj.): Of or relating to a province; not fashionable or sophisticated; simple
9. Scrutinize (v.): To look at critically or searchingly; inspect; analyze
10. Vernacular (n.): Standard, native language of a locality; vocabulary of a particular trade or profession; dialect
11. Acquiesce (v.): To comply; submit.
12. Anachronism (n.): Anything occurring or existing out of its proper time.
13. Bureaucracy (n.): Government characterized by specialization of functions, adherence to fixed rules, and a hierarchy of authority
14. Cacophony (n.): A disagreeable, harsh, or discordant sound or combination of sounds or tones.
15. Defamation (n.): Malicious and groundless injury done to the reputation or good name of another.
16. Emancipate (v.): To release from bondage.
17. Embolden (v.): To give courage to.
18. Equivocate (v.): To use words of double meaning.
19. Euphemism (n.): A figure of speech by which a phrase less offensive is substituted.
20. Stigma (n.): A mark of infamy or token of disgrace attaching to a person as the result of evil-doing.