**Based On Meltzer Critical Reading Lesson #2**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Propriety - correct moral behaviour or actions.**

Sentence example - She was careful always to behave with propriety.

1. **Agitation - worry and anxiety.**

Sentence example - He arrived home in a state of agitation.

1. **Commotion - a sudden, short period of noise, confusion, or excited movement.**

Sentence example - His arrival caused quite a commotion.

1. **Disclose - to make something known publicly, or to show something that was hidden.**

Sentence example - The company has disclosed profits of over £200 million.

1. **Profound - felt or experienced very strongly or in an extreme way.**

Sentence example - His mother's death when he was aged six had a very profound effect on him.

1. **Defer - to delay something until a later time.**

Sentence example - Can we defer making a decision until next week?

1. **Notwithstanding - despite the fact or thing mentioned.**

Sentence example - Injuries notwithstanding, the team won the semifinal.

1. **Cease - to stop something.**

Sentence example - The company has decided to cease all UK operations after this year.

1. **Dissolve - (of a solid) to be absorbed by a liquid, especially when mixed, or (of a liquid) to absorb a solid.**

Sentence example - Nitric acid will dissolve most animal tissue.

1. **Obedience - the fact that people or animals do what they are told to do.**

Sentence example - He demands unquestioning obedience from his soldiers.

1. **Convention - a large formal meeting of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest, or a large meeting for a political party.**

Sentence example - Where are they holding their party convention?

1. **Discretion - the ability to behave without causing embarrassment or attracting too much attention, especially by keeping information secret.**

Sentence example - "Can you trust him with this?" "Yes, he's the soul of discretion (= he will not tell other people)."

1. **Peer-to-peer - Peer-to-peer lending involves the use of specialized websites that bring together suitable individual lenders and borrowers.**

Sentence example - People considering lending their money through peer-to-peer sites should understand the risks.

1. **Incumbent - the person who has or had a particular official position.**

Sentence example - The present incumbent (of the post) is due to retire next month.

1. **Staggering - very shocking and surprising.**

Sentence example - It costs a staggering $50,000 per week to keep the museum open to the public.

1. **Intervention - the action of becoming intentionally involved in a difficult situation, in order to improve it or prevent it from getting worse.**

Sentence example - Half the people questioned said they were opposed to military intervention in the civil war.