

### English 10 Honors Vocabulary: Group A, Set Four

- 1) **Nebulous** (adj.) - in the form of a cloud or haze; (of a concept or idea) vague, unclear, ill-defined  
"Mr. Giorgi prattled on about the beauty of language, but his definitions were nebulous."
- 2) **Incite** (v.) - encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behavior)  
"He was charged with inciting racial hatred"
- 3) **Incessant** (adj.) - (of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption  
"The incessant beat of the music eventually exhausted me."
- 4) **Proximate** (adj.) - immediately preceding or following (as in a chain of events, causes, or effects; catalyzing spark  
"The release of the video showing the principal yelling at the students was the proximate cause of the unrest, but tension between the students and the administration had been building for months."
- 5) **Vacillate** (v.) - alternate or waver between two different opinions or actions; act indecisively  
"For several months, Stephen vacillated between a career in journalism and teaching."
- 6) **Egregious** (adj.) - outstandingly bad  
"His egregious error cost the team the game."
- 7) **Appall** (v.) - greatly dismay or horrify  
"Stephen's appalling lack of preparedness was evident the moment he began the test."
- 8) **Obtrusive** (adj.) - noticeable or prominent in an unwelcome or intrusive way  
"The students peppered Mr. Giorgi with obtrusive questions about his (admittedly) murky past."
- 9) **Obtuse** (adj.) - annoyingly insensitive or slow to understand  
"It occurred to Mr. Giorgi that the students were trying to derail the class by asking deliberately obtuse questions."
- 10) **Inconsequential** (adj.) - unimportant or trivial  
"Worrying about inconsequential details will divert your attention away from the critical task of finishing the project."
- 11) **Nostrum** (n.) - an ineffective or quack remedy  
"Danny made a fortune selling nostrums to desperate but gullible people at the county fair."

12) **Indict** (v.) - to charge with a fault, offense, or crime

"Danny was indicted for his attempt to bilk his customers out of their earnings with his specious cure."

13) **Rescind** (v.) - to take away or take back; to make voided

After learning of Danny's activities, the college rescinded their admission offer."

14) **Hapless** (adj.) - having no luck

"Danny complained bitterly that he was a hapless victim of cruel misfortune, but we knew better. He deserved the punishment he received."

15) **Abstruse** (adj.) - difficult to understand; obscure

"Try as he might, Mr. Giorgi experienced considerable difficulty following the professor's abstruse lecture on phenomenology."