

-English 10 Honors Vocabulary: Group A, Set Three

- 1) **Taciturn** (adj.) - (of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little
“The taciturn cowboy glowered menacingly at the person behind the bar.”
- 2) **Noxious** (adj.) - harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant
“Noxious fumes emanated from the cave.”
- 3) **Erudite** (adj.) - having or showing great knowledge or learning
“He had the quiet and erudite expression one typically associates with college professors.”
- 4) **Spurious** (adj.) - not being what it purports/seems to be; fake or false
“The judge grew tired of the lawyer’s spurious claims.”
- 5) **Recondite** (adj.) - difficult or impossible for one of ordinary understanding or knowledge to comprehend; difficult to understand
“The student’s understanding of subject was so thorough that she failed to grasp that other students considered it recondite.”
- 6) **Listless** (adj.) - (of a person) lacking energy or enthusiasm
“After their third test, the students were listless and unresponsive.”
- 7) **Salubrious** (adj) - health giving; healthy
“Nothing rejuvenates the soul like a salubrious walk in the woods.”
- 8) **Deprecate** (v.) - express disapproval of
“Movie critics tried to outdo one another in deprecating the movie, which they widely considered to be the worst in the series.”
- 9) **Mendacious** (adj.) - given to or characterized by deception or falsehood; diverging from absolute truth
“Wise beyond their years, the students were unswayed by the teacher’s mendacious peptalk.”
- 10) **Supercilious** (adj.) - behaving or look as though one thinks one is superior to others; conceited
“It was difficult to determine whether Jack’s smile was confident or supercilious.”
- 11) **Truculent** (adj.) - eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant
“I’d leave her alone at the moment. She’s in a truculent mood.”
- 12) **Iconoclast** (n.) - a person who attacks cherished beliefs or institutions
“He reveled in making iconoclastic remarks about Congress.”

- 13) **Extraneous** (adj.) - irrelevant or unrelated to the subject being discussed
"Your answer was decent, but I found that it included too many extraneous details."
- 14) **Cajole** (v.) - persuade some to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery; coax
"I managed to cajole her out of leaving too early."
- 15) **Callous** (adj.) - showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others
"His callous remarks devastated me; I was looking for some solace."