agora: 市场

hold forth on : 固守

hypothetical: 假设的

retroactive: 追溯的( go back in time)

persnickety: 挑剔的(fussy, fastidious)

comedian: 喜剧演员

be lost on: 不起作用

exonerated: freed from guilt

tarnish: 玷污

gambit:means a strategic move

restorative: 有恢复作用的

cement: 巩固

conservationist:生态环境保护者

contend: 主张

uncurbed: 不受制约的(unchecked)

be choked with: 被塞满

underbrush: 灌木丛

rococo: 过分装饰的

renown: 声望

forthcoming: 即将到来的

reprisal: 报复(revenge)

dispersal:分散的(a scattering of something)

liquidity:流动性

instantiation:实例化,例示(an instance of something)

remediate: 改善(improve)

lauds means to praise

campaigning for: 竞选

cloak: 遮掩

enmity: 敌意(hatred and hostile)

recrimination: 谴责(accusation)

histrionics are fits of melodramatic behavior

addenda: 附录(come at the end of a book)

platitudes are canned phrases(a "canned phrase" is cliched and trite.)

toil away: 辛苦劳作(work hard)

delight: 高兴

totalitarian: 极权主义的

apolitical: 与政治无关的

as though: 仿佛

inconsequential: 不重要的

rambling means lacking focus

eschew: 避开

mirror: 反应

foreshadow: 预示

muse: 沉思

chase off: 赶走

inimical: 敌意的, 有害的(means antagonistic towards)

inhibit: 抑制

seasoned: 经验丰富的

slant: 倾斜

implacable: 无法平息的

defend the Constitution: 捍卫宪法(champion支持)

provenance: 起源

interpreting is a close answer but it does not quite work stylistically. One does not interpret the origin. Rather, one determines/figures/discovers the origin of something

inter: 埋(bury)

despondent: 沮丧的

insatiable: 贪婪的

braggadocio: 自夸

provocation: 激怒

robber: 盗贼

misnomer: 用词不当

the formality of the occasion: 正式场合

repel: 抵制

bequeath: 遗赠

heuristic :启发的

psyche: 心智

dismissive: 轻视的

五种人:

raconteur: 擅长讲故事的人

an iconoclast attacks cherish traditions or institutions

a maverick is an independent thinker

a sentimentalist indulges in emotions(感伤主义者)

a dissembler hides his or her true motives

eponym: 命字被用于命名地方的人

intrigue: 使好奇, 密谋策划

incense: 使愤怒

curative: 医疗的

moved: 感动的, 被移动的

vanguard: 先锋

vanguard: 外围

brink: 边沿

brink is wrong because the connotation of brink is that something negative is going to happen. So when we use this word it should modify something negative (“brink of disaster”) not something positive.

heretic: The word that means somebody who opposes the church—even if they do so for moral purposes—is

heretic

stonewall: 阻碍

guardedness: 慎重

obscure : means hidden

'Ill behooves' means not suitable or fitting.

behoove means suitable or fitting.

dumbfound: 使吃惊(surprise)

odd: 奇怪, 单数

egomaniac: 自我主义者

dispel: 驱散, 赶跑

pandemonium: 喧嚣,混乱的场面

quirk: 怪癖

Far from 与 not at all 同义: 一点也不

Far less : 远不如(there is a shift)

cloister: 隔绝

accommodating means willing to be flexible and compromise

a repast is a meal : deal with calories

moot: 无实际意义的 When something is moot, it is no longer an issue

misgiving: 担忧

clinician: 临床医生

bloviating means speaking in a pompous manner

agitation 与 restiveness, restlessness 近义

subdue: 征服, 抑制

subdued: 不太强烈的

rebuttal: 反驳

proscription: 禁止(ban)

recapitulation:摘要重述 recapitulation is a recap or review

slavish: 奴性的

impertinent: 粗鲁的,不恰当的 impertinent means rude

vet: 审查

Hemingway’s imagination was nowhere near as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as that of James Joyce

H的想象力远远没有JJ的\_\_\_(此处明显应该填positive words)

aristocracy: 贵族

torrid: 酷热的means hot and dry

utterance: 言辞

avid supporters: 死忠

deforestation: 采伐森林

ebb: 衰退 means to become less

sanction: 制裁 Sanctioned means a possible penalty for the breaking of a law.

Despite protestations to the contrary: 尽管矢口否认

protestation: 声明

contrary: 相反的

To temper something is to moderate it or put a “damper on it”.

offing: 即将发生

agog: 渴望的

tenure: 任期, 终身职位

hazard: 危害

conversely: 相反地

banal: 陈腐的 means commonplace

hinge upon is a synonym for depends on/rests on. 取决于

renew: 更新, 重新开始

inscrutability: 不可理解

For a writer with a reputation for both prolixity and inscrutability, Thompson, in this slim collection of short stories, may finally be intent on making his ideas more \_\_\_\_易懂的(有for, 很可能是shift)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a readership looking for quick edification.

The word "for" often indicates some sort of shift.