10th Lit/Comp Vocabulary – Lesson 1

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Synonyms/Antonyms** | **Sentence** |
| **Divulge** | *v -* To tell; to reveal (as a secret) | syn: unveil; disclose  ant: conceal | The reporter was fired when she *divulged* information from a classified document. |
| **Abet** | *v -* To assist or encourage, especially in wrongdoing. | syn: promote; incite  ant: impede; dissuade | Jim refused to abet the criminal by hiding him in the basement. |
| **Dogmatic** | *adj -* Arrogant and stubborn about one’s (often unproven) beliefs | syn: dictatorial  ant: open-minded | Because of the professor’s *dogmatic* approach, the students were afraid to ask questions. |
| **Insipid** | *adj –* lacking flavor; dull; not at all stimulating | syn: flat; lifeless  ant: challenging | My mom wanted me to be an accountant, but I found the classes boring and *insipid*. |
| **Extraneous** | *adj –* inessential; not constituting a vital part | syn: irrelevant  ant: essential | The professor felt that the *extraneous* paragraph in the essay detracted from the more important information. |
| **Coerce** | *v* – to force by using pressure, intimidation, or threats | syn: compel | Jerry preferred basketball, but his father *coerced* him into playing football. |
| **Jaundiced** | *adj* – prejudiced; hostile | syn: skeptical; cynical  ant: believing; trusting | Gabe had a *jaundiced* view of Iraq after losing his wife in the Gulf War. |
| **Meticulous** | *adj* – extremely, sometimes excessively, careful about small details; precise | syn: fastidious  ant: sloppy | With *meticulous* care, he crafted a miniature dollhouse for his daughter. |
| **Temerity** | *n* – recklessness; a foolish disregard of danger | syn: audacity  ant: prudence | I couldn’t believe that Brett had the *temerity* to bungee jump over a lake full of alligators. |
| **Gregarious** | *adj* – sociable; fond of the company of others | syn: genial; friendly  ant: reclusive | Just before he was diagnosed with clinical depression, Raji went from being *gregarious* to being antisocial. |
| **Makeshift** | *n –* a temporaryexpedient or substitute | syn – make-do, contrivance | We used boxes as a *makeshift* while the kitchen chairs were being painted. |
| **Stockpile** | *n* – a supply of material; a quantity, as of munitions or weapons, accumulated for possible future use  *v –* to accumulate in a stockpile | syn – (n) surplus, cache  (v) hoard, amass | The freeze is designed to keep nuclear activities from growing, but Iran would actually be diminishing its *stockpile*. |
| **Scour** | *v* - to remove dirt, grease, etc., from or to cleanse or polish by hard rubbing, as with a rough or abrasive material | syn: burnish, buff, rub | Brody sweated and cursed as he scoured the inside of the oven for his punishment. |
| **Ancillary** | *adj* – subordinate, subsidiary, auxiliary, providing assistance | syn: additional; accompanying  ant: necessary; needed | The senior executive of the firm hired an *ancillary* worker to do his filing and typing. |
| **Dossier** | *n* - a collection or file of detailed information on a person or subject. | syn: record; report; folder | The police had a large *dossier* on the man accused of the theft. |