10th Lit/Comp Vocabulary – Lesson 2

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Synonyms/Antonyms** | **Sentence** |
| Heresy | *n –* the crime of holding a belief that goes against established doctrine | ant: orthodoxy | During the Inquisition, those found guilty of *heresy* were sometimes burned at the stake. |
| Docile | *adj –* easy to teach or manage | syn: submissive; compliantant: unmanageable; willful | The poodle, usually *docile*, went mad and attacked its owner. |
| Libation | *n –* a drink, especially an alcoholic one | syn: intoxicant | When we visited the vineyard, we were offered a small *libation* at the end of the tour. |
| Anathema | *n –* 1. A hated, repellant person or thing2. a formal curse | syn: (1).abhorration; (2)condemnationant: (1)beloved (2)blessing; praise | 1. Cannibalism is *anathema* to almost every society on the planet. |
| Banter | *n –* teasing; playful conversation  | syn: joshing; badinage; railleryant: vituperation | At the reunion, Ruth enjoyed listening to the *banter* of her husband and his college friends. |
| Castigate | *v* – to criticize or punish severely | syn: reprimand; chastise; scoldant: praise | The parson *castigated* the boy for noisily chewing gum in church. |
| Gauche | *adj* – lacking social graces; tactless | syn: awkwardant: graceful | Some people use a fork to eat pizza because they think it is *gauche* to use their fingers. |
| Ignominy | *n* – public shame, disgrace, or dishonor | syn: disgrace, infamyant: renown; eminence; repute | The mayor fell from acclaim to *ignominy* in a week when her cocaine habit was discovered. |
| Motley | *adj* – made up of dissimilar parts; being of many colors | syn: variedant: uniform; homogeneous; similar | The international clown convention was a *motley* sight in the otherwise dull exhibition center. |
| Emaciated | *adj* – extremely thin; wasted away | syn: witheredant: plump; fattened | Dead from starvation, the *emaciated* prisoner was buried in the camp cemetery. |
| Reparation | *n –* compensation for a wrong | syn – amends; atonement | The Japanese families interned in camps in the US were later given *reparation* for the years of imprisonment. |
| Solace | *n* – comfort; relief; peace | syn – consolation; condolenceant – discord; disharmony | Reading by the lake gave *solace* to Hector’s otherwise hectic life. |
| Purge | *v* – to purify; to cleanse; to eliminate | syn: evacuate; expel | I have come so far that I, alone and with the help of my men, shall *purge* all evil from this hall. |
| Writhing | *adj* – making twisting or turning motions | syn: squirmingant: rigid | When Beowulf grabbed Grendel’s hand, he became a *writhing*, miserable creature. |
| Loathsome | *adj* – inspiring extreme disgust. | syn: abhorrent; repugnant; revoltingant: appealing; delightful | Grendel’s mother was even more loathsome than her son as she sat in her filthy cave. |