**AP Literature & Composition**

**Master Vocabulary List**

**Vocabulary #1** - Tone Word(s)

1. **benevolent** - (adj.) kind and generous
2. **conciliatory** – (v.) to overcome the distrust or hostility of; placate; win over
3. **effusive** – (adj.) unduly demonstrative; lacking reserve
4. **euphoric** – (adj.) intensely happy or confident
5. **laudatory** – (adj.) containing or expressing praise
6. **facetious** – (adj.) not meant to be taken seriously or literally
7. **sanguine** – (adj.) cheerfully optimistic, hopeful, or confident:
8. **sprightly** – (adj.) animated, vivacious, or gay; lively.
9. **introspective** – (adj.) reflective; looking inward
10. **unambiguous** – (adj.) not opened minded, clear, or precise

**Vocabulary # 2** - Tone Word(s)

1. **acerbic** – (adj.) [uh-sur-bik] harsh or severe, as of temper or expression
2. **belligerent** – (adj.) of warlike character; aggressively hostile; bellicose:
3. **curt** – (adj. ) abrupt in manner; rude
4. **diabolic** – (adj.) devilish; fiendish; outrageously wicked
5. **fatalistic** – (n.) the acceptance of all things and events as inevitable; submission to fate
6. **lethargic** – (adj.) sluggish, drowsy
7. **ominous** – (adj.) foreboding; threatening; inauspicious
8. **pretentious** – (adj.) characterized by assumption of dignity or importance, especially when exaggerated or undeserved
9. **reticent** – (adj.) not being able to speak freely; reluctant, restrained
10. **somber** – (adj.) gloomily dark; shadowy; dimly lighted: dull and dark

**Vocabulary #3**

1. **delusion** – [n. dih-loo-zhuhn] a false belief or opinion
2. **discourse**- [n. dis-kawrs, -kohrs, dis-kawrs, -kohrs; v. dis-kawrs, -kohrs]communication of thought by words; talk; conversation
3. **garrison** - [n. gar-uh-suhn] a body of troops stationed in a fortified place;the place where such troops are stationed.
4. **recourse** - [n. ree-kawrs, -kohrs] a person or thing resorted to for help or protection.
5. **tumultuous** - [adj. too-muhl-choo-uhs, tyoo-] raising a great clatter and commotion; disorderly or noisy
6. **vexation** - [n. vek-sey-shuhn] irritation; annoyance
7. **vigilant** - [adj. vij-uh-luhnt] keenly watchful to detect danger; wary
8. **auspicious** - [adj. aw-spish-uhs] favoured by fortune; prosperous; fortunate
9. **cavil** - [v. kav-uhl] to raise irritating and trivial objections; find fault with unnecessarily
10. **conducive** - [n. kuhn-doo-siv, -dyoo-] tending to produce; contributive; helpful; favourable

**Vocabulary #4**

1. **emulate** - [v. em-yuh-leyt; adj. em-yuh-lit] to try to equal or excel; imitate with effort to equal or surpass OR to rival with some degree of success
2. **fungible** - [adj. fuhn-juh-buhl] being of such nature or kind as to be freely exchangeable or replaceable, in whole or in part, for another of like nature or kind.
3. **garrulous** - [adj. gar-uh-luhs] excessively talkative in a rambling, roundabout manner, especially about trivial matters.
4. **imperious** - [adj. im-peer-ee-uhs] domineering in a haughty manner; dictatorial; overbearing
5. **morose** - [adj. muh-rohs] gloomily or sullenly ill-humored, as a person or mood
6. **proprietary** - [ n. pruh-prahy-i-ter-ee] the owner of a business establishment
7. **zeal** – (noun) fervor for a person, cause, or object; eager desire or endeavor; enthusiastic diligence; ardor.
8. **assail** –(verb) to attack vigorously or violently; assault.
9. **beget** - [v. bih-get] to cause; produce as an effect
10. **bellicose** – [adj. bel-i-kohs] inclined or eager to fight; aggressively hostile; belligerent; pugnacious.

**Vocabulary #5**

1. **amorous** - [adj. am-er-uhs] inclined or disposed to love, especially sexual love
2. **benign** - [adj. bih-nahyn] showing or expressive of gentleness or kindness
3. **dissolute** - [adj. dis-uh-loot] indifferent to moral restraints; given to immoral or improper conduct; licentious; dissipated.
4. **ebullient** - [adj. ih-buhl-yuhnt] overflowing with fervor, enthusiasm, or excitement; high-spirited
5. **entourage** – (noun) a group of attendants or associates, as of a person of rank or importance
6. **extol** – (verb) to praise highly; laud; eulogize
7. **languid** – (adjective) lacking in vigor or vitality
8. **resolute** – (adjective) firmly resolved or determined; set in purpose or opinion
9. **turgid** - [adj. tur-jid] swollen; distended; tumid
10. **chastening** – (verb) to inflict suffering upon for purposes of moral improvement;

**Vocabulary #6**

1. **corporeal** – (adjective) of the nature of the physical body; bodily.
2. **derive** – (verb) to receive or obtain from a source or origin
3. **dubious** – (adjective) doubtful; marked by or occasioning doubt
4. **equivocal** - [adj. ih-kwiv-uh-kuhl] of doubtful nature or character; questionable; dubious; suspicious
5. **errant** – (adjective) deviating from the regular or proper course; journeying or travelling
6. **goad** – (noun) something that encourages, urges, or drives; a stimulus.
7. **languor** – (noun) lack of energy or vitality; sluggishness.
8. **resplendent** – (adjective) shining brilliantly; gleaming; splendid
9. **ruminate**- [v. roo-muh-neyt] to meditate or muse; ponder
10. **visage** – (noun) aspect; appearance.

**Vocabulary #7**

1. **accordant** – (adjective) agreeing; conforming; harmonious.
2. **accoutrements** - [n. uh-koo-ter-muhnt] personal clothing, accessories, etc.
3. **deportment**  - (noun) demeanor; conduct; behaviour.
4. **exposition** – (noun) the act of presenting to view; display
5. **impugn** - [v. im-pyoon] to challenge as false (another's statements, motives, etc.); cast doubt upon.
6. **impute** - [v. im-pyoot] to attribute or ascribe (something discreditable), as to a person.
7. **parapet** - [n. par-uh-pit, -pet] fortification
8. **pertinacity** - [n. pur-tn-as-i-tee] persistence
9. **temperance** – (noun) moderation or self-restraint in action, statement; self-control.
10. **viands** - [n. vahy-uhnd] article of food

**Vocabulary #8**

1. **brevity** – (noun) shortness of time or duration
2. **copious** – (adjective) large in quantity or number; abundant; plentiful
3. **gout** – (noun) a mass or splash, as of blood; spurt.
4. **habiliments** – n. [huh-bil-uh-muhnt]clothes as worn in a particular profession, way of life,
5. **irksome** – (adjective) annoying; irritating; exasperating; tiresome
6. **ponderous** – (adjective) of great weight; heavy; massive.
7. **scrupulous** – (adjective) punctiliously or minutely careful, precise, or exact
8. **sundry** – (adjective) various or diverse
9. **timorous** - [adj. tim-er-uhs] full of fear; fearful
10. **transcendent** – (adjective) going beyond ordinary limits; surpassing; exceeding.

**Vocabulary #9**

1. **interminable** – adj. [in-tur-muh-nuh-buhl] incapable of being terminated; unending
2. **obliquely** - [adv. uh-bleek-lee] in an oblique manner or direction
3. **pernicious** – (adjective) causing insidious harm or ruin; ruinous; injurious; hurtful
4. **sardonic** – (adjective) characterized by bitter or scornful derision; mocking; cynical; sneering
5. **ultimatum** – (noun) a final proposal or statement of conditions.
6. **writhe** – (verb) to twist the body about, or squirm, as in pain, violent effort
7. **astute** – (adjective) of keen penetration or discernment
8. **beseech** – (verb) to implore urgently
9. **capitulate** – (verb) to surrender unconditionally or on stipulated terms
10. **deprecating** – (verb) to express earnest disapproval of.

**Vocabulary #10**

1. **glean** – (verb) to gather slowly and laboriously, bit by bit.
2. **obfuscate** – (verb) to confuse, bewilder, or stupefy.
3. **pathos** – (noun) pity
4. **primeval** – (adjective) of or pertaining to the first age or ages, especially of the world
5. **salubrious** - [adj. suh-loo-bree-uhs] favourable to or promoting health; healthful
6. **solicitous** – (adjective) anxious or concerned
7. **albeit** [conjunction - awl-bee-it] although; even if
8. **bereft** – (verb) to deprive and make desolate, especially by death
9. **gratis** - (adverb) without charge or payment; free
10. **intercession** – (noun) an interposing or pleading on behalf of another person.

**Vocabulary #11**

1. **lineaments** – (noun) a feature or detail of a face, body, or figure, considered with

respect to its outline or contour

1. **presage** – (noun) a presentiment or foreboding (verb) to make a prediction
2. **prodigal** – (adjective) wastefully or recklessly extravagant
3. **deposition** – (noun) removal from an office or position.
4. **discursive** – (adjective) passing aimlessly from one subject to another; digressive;

rambling.

1. **disdain** – (verb) to look upon or treat with contempt; despise; scorn.
2. **epigram** – (noun) any witty, ingenious, or pointed saying tersely expressed.
3. **feign** – (verb) to invent fictitiously or deceptively, as a story or an excuse.
4. **laconic** - [adj. luh-kon-ik] using few words; expressing much in few words; concise
5. **mien** – (noun) air, bearing, or demeanor, as showing character, feeling

**Vocabulary #12**

1. **veracity** - (noun) conformity to truth or fact; accuracy
2. **wry** – (adjective) twisted, contorted, or askew
3. **confound** – (verb) to perplex or amaze, especially by a sudden disturbance or surprise;

bewilder; confuse

1. **curate** (verb) to take charge of (a museum) or organize (an art exhibit) (noun) any

ecclesiastic entrusted with the cure of souls, as a parish priest.

1. **ethereal** – (adjective) light, airy, or tenuous
2. **gambol** – (verb) to skip about, as in dancing or playing; frolic.
3. **mutability** - [adj. myoo-tuh-buhl] liable or subject to change or alteration
4. **nascent** - [adj. nas-uhnt, ney-suhnt] beginning to exist or develop
5. **nonplused** – (verb) to render utterly perplexed; puzzle completely.
6. **pedantic** – (adjective) ostentatious in one's learning.

**Vocabulary #13**

121. **quail** (verb) - to lose heart or courage in difficulty or danger; shrink

122. **rhetorical** – (adjective) used for, belonging to, or concerned with mere style or effect.

123. **fatuous** - [adj. fach-oo-uhs] foolish or inane, especially in an unconscious, complacent manner; silly.

124. **febrile** – (adjective) pertaining to or marked by fever; feverish.

125.  **furtive** – (adjective) sly; shifty

126. **incredulous** – (adjective) not credulous; disinclined or indisposed to believe

127. **strident** – (adjective) making or having a harsh sound; grating; creaking

128. **vehement** – (adjective) zealous; ardent; impassioned

129. **elegiac** – (adjective) expressing sorrow or lamentation

130. **fecund** – (adjective) very productive or creative intellectually

**Vocabulary #14**

131. **fortuitous** – (adjective) happening or produced by chance; accidental

132.  **infirmity** – (noun) a physical weakness or ailment

133. **malady** – (noun) any undesirable or disordered condition

134. **nuance** – (noun) a very slight difference or variation in color or tone.

135. **profligate** – (adjective) utterly and shamelessly immoral or dissipated; thoroughly dissolute.

136.  **remonstrance** – (noun) a protest

137. **scintillate** – (verb) to sparkle or flash

138. **vitiate** – (verb) to impair the quality of; make faulty; spoil.

139.  **analogous** – (noun) a similarity between like features of two things, on which a comparison

may be based

140. **brigand** – (noun) a bandit, especially one of a band of robbers in mountain or forest regions.

**Vocabulary #15**

141. **emissary** – (noun) a representative sent on a mission or errand

142. **felicity** – (noun) state of being happy

143. **incendiary** – [n & adj. in-sen-dee-er-ee ] of or pertaining to the criminal setting on fire of

property.

144.  **magnanimous** – (adjective) generous in forgiving an insult or injury; free from petty

resentfulness or vindictiveness

145. **plight** – (noun) a condition, state, or situation, especially an unfavorable or unfortunate one

146. **repartee** – (noun) a quick, witty reply.

147. **ubiquitous** – (adjective) existing or being everywhere, especially at the same time;

omnipresent

148. **venerable** – (adjective) commanding respect because of great age or impressive dignity

149. **countenance**- (verb) the face; visage.

150.  **hegemony** – (noun) leadership; predominance.

**Vocabulary #16**

151. **nebulous** - (adjective) hazy, vague, indistinct, or confused:

152. **paradigm** – (noun) an example serving as a model; pattern.

153. **unctuous** – (adjective) characterized by excessive piousness or moralistic fervor, especially in

an affected manner; excessively smooth, suave, or smug.

154. **urbane** – (adjective) reflecting elegance, sophistication

155. **ambulatory** - (adjective) moving about or from place to place; not stationary

156. **brazen** – (adjective) shameless or impuden

157. **din** – (noun) a loud, confused noise; a continued loud or tumultuous sound; noisy clamor.

158.  **ennui** - [n. ahn-wee] a feeling of utter weariness and discontent resulting from satiety or lack

of interest; boredom

159. **exonerate** – (verb) to relieve, as from an obligation, duty, or task.

160. **inscrutable** - (adjective) incapable of being investigated, analyzed, or scrutinized;

impenetrable.

**Vocabulary #17**

161. **prognosticate** – (verb) to forecast or predict (something future) from present indications or

signs; prophesy.

162. **schism** – (noun) division or disunion, especially into mutually opposed parties.

163. **sedition** [n. si-dish-uhn] any action, especially in speech or writing, promoting such discontent

or rebellion

164. **wizened** – (adjective) withered; shriveled

165. **austere** - [adj. aw-steer] severe in manner or appearance; uncompromising; strict; forbidding

166.  **corpulent** – (adjective) large or bulky of body; portly; stout; fat.

167. **derisive** – (adjective) contemptuous; mocking

168. **effeminate** – (adjective) characterized by excessive softness, delicacy, self-indulgence

169. **jocund** – (adjective) cheerful; merry; gay; blithe; glad:

170. **manifest** – (adjective) readily perceived by the eye or the understanding; evident; obvious;

apparent; plain

**Vocabulary #18**

171**. ostentatious** – (adjective) characterized by or given to pretentious or conspicuous show in an

attempt to impress others

172. **sanguine** – [adj. sang-gwin] cheerfully optimistic

173.  **diurnal** – (adjective) of or pertaining to a day or each day; daily.

174. **extricate** – (verb) to free or release from entanglement; disengage

175. **ignominious** - [adj. ig-nuh-min-ee-uhs] disgrace; dishonor; public contempt.

176.  **mitigate** – (verb) to lessen in force or intensity, as wrath, grief, harshness, or pain; moderate.

177.  **palpitate** – (verb) to pulsate; quiver; throb; tremble.

178. **phlegmatic** – (adjective) not easily excited to action or display of emotion; apathetic; sluggish.

179.  **propitious** –[adj. pruh-pish-uhs] indicative of favour

180. **prostrate** – (verb) to cast (oneself) face down on the ground in humility, submission, or

adoration

**Vocabulary #19**

181.  **acquiesce** – (verb) submit or comply silently or without protest

182. **amity** – (noun) friendship; peaceful harmony.

183. **arduous** – (adjective) requiring great exertion; laborious; difficult

184.  **gestalt** – (noun) a unified whole.

185.  **inundate** – (verb) to overwhelm

186. **perjury** – (noun) false testimony

187. **perspicuity** – (noun) clearness or lucidity, as of a statement.

188. **preposterous** – (adjective) completely contrary to nature, reason, or common sense; absurd;

senseless

189. **trepidation** – (noun) tremulous fear, alarm, or agitation; perturbation.

190. **voluble** – (adjective) characterized by a ready and continuous flow of words; fluent; glib;

talkative

**Vocabulary #20**

191. **admonish** – (verb) to caution, advise, or counsel against something.

192. **aplomb** – (noun) imperturbable self-possession, poise, or assurance.

193. **barrage** - [n. buh-rahzh] an overwhelming quantity or explosion, as of words, blows, or

criticisms

194. **cognizant** – (noun) awareness, realization, or knowledge; notice; perception:

195. **collusion** – (noun) a secret agreement, especially for fraudulent or treacherous purposes

196. **torrid** – (adjective) oppressively hot, parching, or burning, as climate, weather, or air.

197.  **affront** – (noun) a personally offensive act or word; deliberate act or display of disrespect;

intentional slight; insult:

198.  **blasé** – (adjective)indifferent to or bored with life; unimpressed, as or as if from an excess of

worldly pleasures.

199. **cajole** – (verb) to persuade by flattery or promises; wheedle; coax.

200. **choleric** – (adjective) extremely irritable or easily angered