**AP VOCABULARY REGIMEN**

Why? Studying vocabulary will help you:

* Read everything from novels to magazines to newspapers more effectively.
* Understand the reading from this class better.
* Do better on the SAT, ACT, and AP exam.
* Get in to college with your urbane, sophisticated essays.

Our word study this year will consist of 12 twenty-word vocabulary units.

* You are expected to learn the definitions/parts of speech for 3 units each quarter (I advise making flashcards or using an online site like Quizlet). Specific dates will be given in advance so you will have time to study.
* We will have a quiz every 2 ½ weeks with the new and old words. The vocabulary quizzes are cumulative which means that past lists will be fair game for future quizzes. You must study the words from previous units all the time to be successful.
* There will be a Vocabulary Test at the end of each quarter. Tests are cumulative (by the end of the year, the test will include words from all 12 units).

\*\*You may earn extra credit on your quizzes by finding your vocabulary words in your reading. If you come across a vocabulary word while reading, write it down. Include the sentence, page number, author, and title of work. You may submit up to 5 sentences (on one sheet of paper, please) for up to five extra points on that unit’s vocabulary quiz. I will collect these papers BEFORE I distribute the quiz. \*\*



**AP VOCABULARY REGIMEN – S1 WORDS**

**List One**

1. Abjure- verb- to recant, to repudiate; to renounce solemnly
2. Bailiwick- noun- a person’s area of skill, knowledge, authority, or work
3. Colloquial-adj- used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary
4. Defenestration- noun- the act of throwing someone out of a window
5. Didactic- adj- intended for instruction; inclined to teach or lecture
6. Dissemble- verb- to give false, misleading appearance to; to feign
7. Egregious- adj- extraordinary in a bad way; glaring and flagrant
8. Façade- noun- a superficial appearance or illusion of something
9. Harangue- noun- a scolding or long and intense verbal attack
10. Imperturbable- adj- incapable of being upset or agitated; not easily excited; calm
11. Labile- adj- apt or likely to change
12. Lachrymose- adj- suggestive of tears or mournful
13. Nadir- noun- the lowest point; the point of great adversity or despair
14. Obdurate- adj- 1) hardhearted; unmoved by persuasion; 2) stubborn or resistant
15. Paucity- noun- smallness of quantity; scarcity
16. Penchant- noun- a strong inclination, taste, or liking for something
17. Serendipity - noun- an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident
18. Tawdry-adj- having a cheap appearance; gaudy
19. Tempestuous- adj- tumultuous; turbulent
20. Unbridled- adj- not controlled or restrained

**List Two**

1. Abscond- verb- to run away and hide, to avoid arrest
2. Anachronism- noun- something that is not correct in its historical or chronological time
3. Baleful- adj- full of menacing or malign influences; pernicious
4. Depravity- noun- the state of moral corruption
5. Eschew- verb- to abstain or keep away from; to shun or avoid
6. Facile- adj- moving, acting, proceeding with ease; easy in manner
7. Fastidious- adj- finicky and picky; hard to please
8. Hackneyed- adj- made commonplace or trite; banal
9. Immutable- adj- not changeable
10. Impasse – noun- a position or situation from which there is no escape; a deadlock
11. Lackadaisical- adj- without interest or vigor; lazy, indolent
12. Lagniappe- noun- a gratuity or tip; un expected benefit
13. Obliterate- verb- to remove or destroy all traces of
14. Pedantic – adj- ostentatious in one’s learning; acting superior when teaching small details
15. Panache- noun- a grand and flamboyant manner; flair; style
16. Savant- noun- a profound scholar; a person of extensive learning
17. Temerity- noun- reckless, boldness, rashness
18. Trenchant- adj- vigorous or incisive in expression or style
19. Unfathomable – adj- not able to comprehend
20. Unheralded- adj- appearing without fanfare or advance acclaimed; appearing without prior announcement

**List Three**

1. Analogous- adj- corresponding to something in particular
2. Banal- adj- devoid of freshness or originality; hackneyed and trite
3. Bombastic- adj- high sounding, inflated; pretentious (of speech/writing)
4. Capacious- adj- spacious or roomy
5. Capricious- adj- erratic; unpredictable; constantly changing
6. Copious- adj- large in quantity or number; abundant or plentiful
7. Deprecate-verb- to express disapproval
8. Diatribe- noun- a bitter, sharply abusive attack or criticism
9. Esprit de corps- noun- a sense of unity and common interests developed among a group of people closely associated in a task
10. Euphemism- noun- the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one that is too harsh or blunt
11. Ferment- 1) noun- agitation; unrest; excitement; commotion; tumult 2) verb- to incite or stir up trouble
12. Impressionable- adj- easily impressed or influenced; susceptible
13. Largesse- noun- a generous bestowal of gifts
14. Leaven – 1) noun- an element that produces an altering or transforming influence 2) verb- to permeate with an altering or transforming element
15. Neophyte- noun- a beginner or novice
16. Noisome- adj- 1) having an offensive odor 2) harmful or injurious to the health
17. Perfidious- adj- deliberately faithless; deceitful; treacherous
18. Perfunctory- adj- performed as a routine duty; hasty and superficial
19. Scurrilous- adj- grossly and obscenely abusive; making scandalous claims with the intention of damaging a person’s reputation
20. Unsolicited- adj- given or supplied without being requested or asked for

**List Four**

1. Acerbic- adj 1) sour and acidic in taste 2) harsh or severe as in temper
2. Bray- 1) noun- any loud harsh sound 2) verb- to utter a loud and harsh cry (like a donkey)
3. Coalesce- verb- to grow together into one body; to unite; to blend together
4. Contrite – adj- caused by showing sincere remorse; filled with a sense of guilt
5. Cupidity- noun- eager or excessive desire to possess something; greed; avarice
6. Depredation- noun- the act of plundering or robbery
7. Dissonant- adj- disagreeing or harsh in sound; discordant
8. Ex post facto- adverb- subsequently, retrospectively
9. Exacerbate- verb- to increase the severity of; to aggravate
10. Feign- verb- to represent fictitiously; to imitate deceptively
11. Impunity- noun- exemption from punishment
12. Incendiary- adj- tending to arouse strife; tending to cause flame (literal or figurative)
13. Kiosk- noun- a small structure with one or more sides open used as a newsstand, refreshment stand, or a place on which advertisements are posted.
14. Limpid- adj- clear or transparent as water
15. Nether- adj- 1) lying or believed to lie beneath the earth’s surface; 2) lower or under
16. Officious- adj- offering one’s unrequested and unwanted services; meddlesome
17. Pejorative –adj- belittling; having a disparaging effect
18. Prosaic- adj- commonplace or dull; matter-of-fact; unimaginative
19. Sophomoric- adj- suggestive of being immature but overly confident and conceited
20. Soporific- adj- causing sleep

**List Five**

1. Apogee- noun- the highest or most distant point; the climax
2. Bevy- noun- 1) a group of birds or animals; 2) a large group or collection
3. Breach- noun- an infraction or violation of law
4. Carmine- noun- a crimson or purplish-red color
5. Categorical – adj- unambiguously direct and explicit
6. Diffident- adj- timid and shy; reserved in manner or conduct; lacking confidence
7. Disingenuous- adj- insincere; lacking in candor or sincerity
8. Excoriation- noun- the act of denouncing or berating severely 2) The act of stripping or removing skin
9. Exculpate- verb- to clear from a charge of guilt; to free from blame; to vindicate
10. Fey- adj- supernatural; unreal; enchanted; whimsically strange and otherworldly
11. Incense – verb- to inflame with wrath; to make angry; to enrage
12. Incisive- adj- intelligently analytical and clear-thinking
13. Noxious- adj- harmful to health or well-being
14. Omnipotent- adj- almighty or infinite in power
15. Perfuse- verb- to overspread with moisture and color; to diffuse
16. Quotidian- adj- daily; usual or customary; everyday and ordinary
17. Rancid- adj- having a rank, unpleasant smell or taste
18. Sequester – verb- to remove or withdraw into solitude or retirement; to separate
19. Tremulous – adj- timid; shaking; quivering in fear
20. Upbraid- verb- to find fault with; to censure; to reproach severely

**List Six**

1. Acquiesce- verb- to assent tacitly; to submit or comply without protest
2. Aplomb- noun- imperturbable self-possession, poise, assurance
3. Bilious- adj- 1) peevish, irritable or cranky 2) characterized by nausea and vomiting
4. Burgeon- verb- to grow or develop quickly; to flourish
5. Corporeal- adj- of the body; bodily; material or tangible
6. Disparage- verb- to ridicule; to belittle; to bring reproach or discredit upon
7. Divisive- adj- creating dissension or discord; forming a division
8. Exigency- noun- an urgent state; a case or situation that needs prompt action
9. Festoon- noun- a string or chain of flowers, foliage, ribbon, etc. suspended in a curve between two points
10. Incipient – adj- beginning to exist or appear
11. Incongruous – adj- inconsistent; not harmonious in character
12. Myopic – adj- lacking tolerance or understanding; narrow minded; short-sighted
13. Perspicacious- adj- having keen mental perception and understanding; discerning (perspicacity is the noun)
14. Pestilence – noun- a deadly or virulent epidemic disease
15. Ratiocinate- verb- to reason; to carry on the process of reasoning
16. Sesquipedalian- adj- given to using long words
17. Turbid – adj- not clear; not transparent because of stirred up sediment
18. Turgid- adj- swollen; distended
19. Uproarious – adj- tumultuous; making an uproar; very loud or raucous
20. Verbose- adj- characterized by the use of too many words

**AP VOCABULARY REGIMEN – S2 WORDS**

**List Seven**

1. Acumen- noun- keen insight; the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, typically in a particular domain
2. Acrimonious- adj- caustic; stinging, bitter in nature, speech or behavior
3. Apostrophe- noun- a digression in the form of an address to someone not present or to an abstract ide or thing
4. Blasphemous- adj- irreverent; profane
5. Cadence- noun- rhythmic flow of sequence of sounds or words
6. Cavalier- 1) noun- a knight; a courtly gentleman; 2) adj- showing a lack of proper concern; haughty
7. Construe- verb- to give the meaning of or intention of; to deduce by interpretation or inference
8. Dross – noun- waste matter; a waste product
9. Fatuous- adj- foolish or inane; silly
10. Indelible – adj- making marks that cannot be erased; cannot be eliminated or forgotten
11. Ineffable – adj- incapable of being expressed or described in words
12. Motley- adj- 1) exhibiting great diversity of elements 2) multicolored
13. Multifarious- adj- having many different parts or forms; numerous and varied
14. Opulent- adj- characterized by wealth; rich and affluent
15. Pittance- noun- a small amount; a scanty allowance or sum (usually money for living expenses)
16. Poignant- adj- affecting or moving the emotions
17. Rectitude – noun- moral correctness; rightness in principle or conduct
18. Refractory- adj- hard or impossible to manage; stubbornly disobedient
19. Squalid- adj- foul and repulsive; wretched and miserable from lack of care or cleanliness
20. Visage- noun- the face, countenance

**List Eight**

1. Aerie- noun – 1) a lofty nest of a large bird 2) a house or fortress located on a hill or mountain
2. Calumny- noun- a false and malicious statement, destined to injure the reputation of someone
3. Clairvoyant- adj- having or claiming to have the power of seeing objects or actions beyond the range of natural vision
4. Conveyance- noun- a means of transporting
5. Discursive – adj- passing aimlessly from one subject to another
6. Epiphany- noun- the sudden, intuitive perception or insight; the “light bulb”
7. Expostulation- noun- the act of earnest and kindly protest; the act of reasoning with someone
8. Florid- adj- 1) reddish and ruddy 2) Flowery and excessively ornate
9. Flout- verb- to treat with disdain, scorn, or contempt; to scoff at
10. Inexorable- adj- unyielding, unalterable; not to be persuaded or moved
11. Munificent – adj- extremely liberal in giving; very generous
12. Oscillate- verb- to swing and move to and fro; to vary
13. Presumptuous – adj- showing readiness to presume in conduct or thought; unwarrantedly bold or forward
14. Proclivity- noun- a tendency; propensity; a disposition or leaning
15. Reiterate – verb- to say again; to repeat, often excessively
16. Replicate – verb- to repeat or duplicate for experimental purposes
17. Sprightly – adj- blithe; animated and vivacious; lively
18. Stark- adj- 1) having a bare or plain appearance; 2) unpleasant; difficult to accept or experience
19. Svelte- adj- slender; especially graceful in figure
20. Virile- adj- manly; befitting a man; showing a masculine spirit

**List Nine**

1. Alacrity- noun- cheerful readiness; promptness or willingness
2. Arraign- verb- 1) to call before a court 2) to accuse or charge; to criticize
3. Chicanery- noun- trickery or deception
4. Debility- noun- a weakened or enfeebled state; weakness
5. Epitome- noun- something that possesses to the highest degree the features of the whole class; the embodiment; the exemplification; the quintessence
6. Forte- noun- a person’s strong suit; a person’s talent or skill
7. Gentry- noun- wellborn, well-bred people
8. Grandiose – adj- affectedly grand or important; pompous
9. Intrinsic – adj- belonging to a thing by its very nature
10. Iridescent – adj- displaying a play of lustrous colors, like those in the rainbow
11. Microcosm- noun- a little world; the world in miniature
12. Mordant- adj- sharply caustic or sarcastic; biting
13. Ostensible- adj- apparent; perceived; supposed to be
14. Ostracize- verb- to exclude; to banish
15. Petulance- noun- rudeness and irritability
16. Propensity- noun- a natural tendency; a natural inclination
17. Restive- adj- impatient; restless; stubborn; refusing to go forward
18. Reticence- noun- the state of being taciturn or reserved
19. Sanctimonious- adj- giving a hypocritical appearance of piety
20. Verity- noun- the state of truth; accordance with fact or reality

**List Ten**

1. Altruism- noun- unselfish concern or devotion to the welfare of others
2. Endemic- adj- natural or characteristic to a specific people or place; indigenous; native
3. Epistle- noun- a letter, especially a formal or didactic one
4. Frivolous- adj- characterized by a lack of seriousness or sense
5. Gelid- adj- very cold; icy
6. Glean- verb- to collect from various sources; to gather bit by bit
7. Insentient – adj- without sensation or feeling
8. Intemperance- noun- excessive or immoderate indulgence in alcohol, appetite, or passion
9. Ken- noun- knowledge, understanding or cognizance
10. Mellifluous – adj- sweet sounding; smoothly flowing in sound
11. Mendicant- 1) adj- begging 2) noun- a beggar
12. Ostentatious- adj- pretentious; showing wealth or importance to impress others
13. Proffer- verb- to put before a person for acceptance; to offer
14. Profligate- adj- 1) recklessly wasteful; 2) utterly and shamelessly immoral
15. Repose- noun- the state of being at rest
16. Reprise- noun- a repetition; a return to the theme or subject
17. Sub rosa- adv- in secret; secretly; confidentially
18. Succinct – adj- expressed in few words; terse; concise
19. Vernal- adj- 1) appearing or occurring in the spring; 2) belonging to youth
20. Winsome- adj- sweetly or innocently charming

**List Eleven**

1. Ambulatory- adj- of or pertaining to walking; moving about from place to place; peripatetic
2. Auspicious- adj- promising success, propitious, opportune, favorable
3. Bumptious- adj- self-assertive or proud to an irritating degree
4. Circumspect- adj- watchful and discreet; prudent
5. Cogent- adj- convincing or believable by virtue or incisive in writing or speech
6. Conscientious- adj- controlled by or done according to one’s inner sense of what’s right
7. Dearth- noun- scarcity or paucity; an inadequate supply; a lack
8. Decry- verb- to speak disparagingly of; denounce as faulty
9. Eddy- noun- a wind current or whirlpool
10. Errant- adj- deviating from the proper course; straying
11. Gambol- verb- to skip about as in dancing or playing; to frolic
12. Jettison- verb- 1) to cast overboard to lighten a vessel or aircraft; 2) to throw off as an obstacle or burden, to discard
13. Pariah- noun- an outcast; a person that is despised and avoided
14. Promontory- noun- a high point of land or rock; a bluff or part of a plateau
15. Supersede- verb- to replace in power
16. Tableau- noun- a picture, as a scene
17. Utilitarian- adj- having regard to usefulness rather than beauty
18. Veneration- noun- the act of reverence or showing respect
19. Verbatim- adverb- in exactly the same words; word for word
20. Wont- 1) adj- accustomed, used 2) noun- a custom, habit, or practice

**List 12**

1. Amorphous- adj- lacking definite form; having no specific shape; formless
2. Austere- adj- stern; severe in manner or appearance, uncompromising and strict
3. Censure- noun- strong, vehement expression of disapproval
4. Clad- adj- dressed, covered
5. Debauchery- noun- excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures
6. Effervescent- adj- bubbling; vivacious; lively; sparkling
7. Epochal- adj- extremely important, significant, or influential
8. Fecund- adj- producing offspring in abundance; very productive or fruitful
9. Illicit – adj- not permitted; disapproved of for moral reasons
10. Malodorous- adj- having an offensive, unpleasant odor
11. Modicum- noun- a small amount
12. Perusal- noun- a close reading; the act of studying carefully
13. Protean- adj- readily assuming different forms; extremely variable; changeable in shape or form
14. Querulous- adj- full of complaints; constantly complaining
15. Retinue- noun- a body of retainers of attendance upon an important personage; a “posse”
16. Retrograde- adj- moving backward
17. Ribald- adj- vulgar or indecent in speech; coarsely mocking; abusive; scurrilous
18. Antepenultimate- adj- last but two in a series; third last
19. Penultimate- adj- second to the last
20. Ultimate- adj- being or happening at the end of a process; final