Copy and Paraphrase

1. Preternatural (adj) supernatural
2. Presage (v) to forewarn or predict
3. Uncanny (adj) strange or beyond the ordinary
4. Effable (adj) able to be expressed
5. Affright (n) a sudden fear
6. Genial (adj) friendly
7. Deride (v) to mock or laugh at
8. Pious (adj) practiced or used in the real or fake worship of God
9. Oscillate (v) to physically or mentally move back and forth
10. Steadfast (adj) physically or mentally fixed in place

Determine which better illustrates the word’s meaning.

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| 1 | The sound the wind was making was so preternatural that I had to sleep with my mom.  | Books like Twilight and Harry Potter are popular because they focus on the preternatural.  |
| 2 | The weatherman presaged that it would be raining, but it did not rain.  | Events like 9/11 and World War I were supposedly presaged by clairvoyants like Nostradamus years before they occurred.  |
| 3 | Although he tried to deny that he was the father, Joe and his daughter shared an uncanny resemblance.  | Foods like Udon noodles and sashimi are uncanny to me because I don’t know many Japanese people.  |
| 4 | The painting’s red lines made it effable.  | Sign language made communication effable for millions of people.  |
| 5 | My kid causes an affright when he soundlessly creeps into my room and yells, “Mom!”  | Walking to the bathroom in the dark of night gives me such an affright.  |
| 6 | My father and I are genial because we share the same DNA.  | Teachers and students should aim to be genial toward one another.  |
| 7 | I was derided in middle school when I wore a curtain as a skirt. It was well-deserved.  | This woman bumped into me after I derided the Superman ride at Six Flags, so I pushed her.  |
| 8 | Puritans were supposed to be pious, which is why the Salem Witch Trials are so surprising.  | I prove that I am pious by going to church on major holidays.  |
| 9 | Because I moved here from Florida, my mind oscillates between winter and summer.  | My dad finally bought me a fan that oscillates so that I won’t get too hot in July.  |
| 10 | State borders are steadfast.  | My love of art is so steadfast that I subscribe to three art magazines and follow twenty art Tumblrs.  |

Questions: 2-3 sentences

1. What aspect of the preternatural interests you the most? Or, why do you believe that the preternatural is all fake?
2. Should we believe in people who presage major events like wars and mass tragedies? Why?
3. Describe an uncanny experience you have had in the past four years.
4. Should all ideas be effable, or should we silence the offensive ones? Why?
5. Describe a time when you were affrighted.
6. Is it important to be genial toward those who you despise? Why?
7. Does social media encourage people to deride one another? Why?
8. Are you a pious person? Explain.
9. List three things that oscillate that shouldn’t.
10. In a love relationship, is being physically steadfast better than being emotionally steadfast? Why?