The Words

1. Ameliorate (v) to make more bearable
2. Antipathetic (adj) opposed (usually followed by *to*)
3. Aplomb (n) poise or self-possession
4. Apotheosis (n) the definition of or the elevation to the status of a god or diety
5. Attenuate (v) to weaken or to make thin
6. Bourgeois (n) a member of the middle class (adj) having social norms and opinions of the middle class
7. Capricious (adj) easily changeable or unpredictable (people are usually described as such)
8. Chagrin (n) feeling of vexation caused by humiliation
9. Disparage (v) to belittle in speech
10. Duplicitous (adj) deceitfulness in conduct or speech
11. Engender (v) to produce or to cause
12. Equivocal (adj) open to two or more interpretations
13. Ethereal (adj) light and heavenly; refined
14. Facetious {faceeshus} (Adj) not meant to be taken seriously
15. Inculcate (v) to implant by repeated statement or admonition
16. Languorous (adj) lacking physical or mental energy
17. Obsequious (adj) full of servile compliance
18. Pious (adj) showing a sincere or overly strict religious devotion
19. Provincial (adj) belonging to a specific small area; usually synonymous with narrow-minded
20. Pusillanimous (adj) lacking courage
21. Ribald (adj) vulgar
22. Tutelage (n) the act of guarding, teaching, or guiding
23. Univocal (adj) having one meaning
24. Venerate (v) to regard with reverence
25. Miasma (n) a dangerous or foreboding atmosphere

Part 1

Rewrite each word and definition IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

You will not receive credit by copying from a dictionary (in print or online).

Part 2

Fill in the Blank (Please note that the above words may change tense)

1. Most people are revealed to be either stalwart or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when under duress.
2. Constant pestering usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ great irascibility.
3. Walking around the Georgia Dome alone at midnight, you may find yourself in quite a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. You know you will get robbed.
4. Being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ toward teachers does not increase your grade or guarantee you will pass. You must master the content and complete assignments to the best of your ability.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sound of the soprano exalted her status of background vocalist into angelic diva.
6. When young, my grandmother would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my fears of death by making me touch corpses.
7. Schools sometimes attempt to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you into conforming to the norms of society because they represent the microcosm of mainstream America.
8. Under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Mr. Murray, you will become an erudite historian and scholar.
9. Despite being heckled by a large section by the orchestra seating, Milania maintained her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and answered the judge’s question without wavering.
10. Only those who serve others before themselves become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the members of our society.
11. Jade was embarrassed to bring him to meet her parents because his humor was often so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he could make a harlot blush.
12. When you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others, you are actually depreciating yourself, for only people with weak self-esteem feel the need to malign others.
13. Although art can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is not always open to random interpretation.
14. According to Freud, often those who seem the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the ones sublimating their sins.
15. It is a myth that all Republicans are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to social services and abortion.
16. Empathizing with your child instead of disciplining them seems to be a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trend in parenting.
17. Disparaging your friends to others is not only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but also cowardly.
18. After a week of grading essays, answering pleas, completing lesson plans, creating data reports, assigning homework, teaching, and breathing, I am usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
19. Long boring PowerPoints that the speaker reads and adorns with clipart often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the audience’s interest in the subject discussed.
20. If I ever call you stupid, please know that I am being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If I thought you were stupid, I certainly would not say it.
21. Sometimes a poem, a piece of visual art, a film, or a book is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_--especially if written during realism.
22. Although \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people can seem entertaining, they are often just as unreliable when it comes to serious matters.
23. Dining al fresco is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a night well-spent…unless it is cold or raining.
24. It was with much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I turned and faced my grandmother after dropping the f-bomb at the Thanksgiving table.
25. Thinking that women should stay at home and raise children is deemed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 21st Century.

Part 3

Create a stem and three concepts for each word.

Ex: People who are venerated

1. Gandhi
2. Alice Walker
3. Che Guvara

Part 4

Match the synonyms with the word.

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Part Five

Create a sentence and illustration for each word.

Part Six

Write a two-page letter to either Charles, Leon, Rodolphe, or Monsieur Homais from the perspective of Emma. Integrate at least twenty of the above words. You will be graded on your ability to use the words, as well as your ability to understand and convey character motivation.

Part Seven

Create a crossword or word search using twenty of the words.

These must be typed. There are many free services to make these. Armoredpenguin.com is the best.

You may NOT use definitions as clues.

You must have your crossword printed when you walk into class for it to count, for you will complete another student’s game as review.