

## Homework due for next class

*Look up and write definitions for the following words:*

aberrant	nebulous
abscond	neologism
alacrity	noxious
anomaly	obtuse
approbation	obviate
arduous	onerous
assuage	paean
audacious	parody
austere	perennial
axiomatic	perfidy
canonical	perfunctory
capricious	perspicacious
censure	prattle
chicanery	precipitate (adj.)
connoisseur	precipitate (v.)
convoluted	predilection
disabuse	prescience
discordant	prevaricate
disparate	qualms
effrontery	recant
eloquent	refute
enervate	relegate
ennui	reticent
equivocate	solicitous
erudite	sordid
exculpate	sporadic
exigent	squander
extemporaneous	static
filibuster	stupefy
fulminate	stymie
ingenious	synthesis
inured	torque
irascible	tortuous
laud	truculent
lucid	veracy
magnanimity	virulent
martial	voracious
mundane	waver
nascent	

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Exercise #1: match the following words to their definitions.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. improvised; without preparation</li> <li>2. a newly coined word or expression</li> <li>3. a song of joy and praise</li> <li>4. to praise highly</li> <li>5. truthfulness; honesty</li> <li>6. artless; frank and candid</li> <li>7. associated with war and the military</li> <li>8. to retract a belief or statement</li> <li>9. cursory; done without care or interest</li> <li>10. troubling; burdensome</li> <li>11. to criticize; to officially rebuke</li> <li>12. winding; twisting; complicated</li> <li>13. to block; to thwart</li> <li>14. clear; easily understood</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. veracity</li> <li>B. recant</li> <li>C. extemporaneous</li> <li>D. stymie</li> <li>E. paeon</li> <li>F. lucid</li> <li>G. laud</li> <li>H. onerous</li> <li>I. tortuous</li> <li>J. neologism</li> <li>K. martial</li> <li>L. ingenuous</li> <li>M. censure</li> <li>N. perfectory</li> </ol> |
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Exercise #2 (Text Completion): find the choice that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Known and feared for their \_\_\_\_\_, the Prussians became a force inspiring terror after overcoming internal fighting through Bismarck's cunning leadership.

artillery
extravagance
opulence
covetousness
truculence

A perfectionist in all things, Joseph expected to immediately become (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and was downtrodden indeed when he remained a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ despite his best efforts.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
a maven	practitioner
a musician	pundit
a virtuoso	tyro

Exercise #3 (Sentence Equivalence): find the two choices that best fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole. You must select BOTH correct answers - there is no partial credit.

Though he wasn't particularly well-known as a humanitarian, his deep sense of responsibility for the suffering was real, and was only belied by an outward appearance of \_\_\_\_\_.

- concern
- ambivalence
- mirth
- jouissance
- insouciance
- indifference

Excessive patriotism is by definition \_\_\_\_\_, as the apotheosizing of one country necessarily requires some amount of demonization of other people.

- minatory
- xenophobic
- unethical
- bigoted
- nationalistic
- truculent