**English 9 Semester 2 Vocabulary Terms**

besmirch to damage the reputation in the opinion of others; to make dirty

fraught affected by great stress or anxiety

chastise to severely scold or lecture

humiliate to embarrass somebody or damage their dignity

vindictive showing a strong desire for revenge

angst a mixture of anxiety and dread

pester to bother or trouble someone frequently or persistently

dispel to make disappear

menace to threaten

fabricate to construct or invent (like a lie or a story)

mosque Muslim house of worship

foundation the basis from which an idea or situation develops

adamant Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind

staunch firm and dependable especially in loyalty

problematic doubtful; unsettled; questionable; perplexing

tangible Able to be touched or treated as real

alibi an excuse that shows someone was not at a crime scene

confide To tell something in secret

affidavit a sworn written statement made before an official

undermine to weaken the support of, to injure in a slow or sneaky way

discredit to cast doubt on someone or something

bloodhound a large dog that has very long ears and a very good sense of smell and that is often used for finding people and for hunting

trawling sifting through a lot of evidence as part of a search

diligence persistent, conscientious hard work

heinous Hatefully or shockingly evil

demeanor the way a person behaves

elation Great happiness and exhilaration

manipulate to handle or use skillfully; to manage or control for person gain or advantage

reprieve a temporary relief or delay; to grant a postponement

emaciated Extremely thin; wasted away

crucible a severe test or trial

automaton self-operating machine; robot

transcended rose above or went beyond the limits of

prevailed conquered; won; overcame

convoy a group of vehicles traveling together

ration A limited portion or allowance of food or goods

pittance a small amount

evoking bringing to mind

emigrate To leave one country or region and settle in another

wizened Withered, shriveled

Aryan To the Nazis--the Aryans were the Germanic peoples who formed a master race

Yom Kippur Jewish Day of Atonement- fasting and reflecting on one's sins

veritable actual, true, real

annihilate to destroy completely

synagogue Jewish place of worship

exile To force someone to live in another country

ghetto A segregated ethnic area within a city.

Sonder-Kommando a prisoner slave labor group assigned to work in an extermination camp

Zionism A movement to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine

kin Family; relatives

lethal deadly

wielding Handling a weapon or tool

Kaddish Jewish prayer for the dead

Waiflike A homeless person, especially a forsaken or orphaned child

Kabbalah The name applied to the whole range of Jewish mystical activity and study; can also refer to one field of study aimed at understanding the revelations of Jewish mysticism.

Gestapo Nazi secret police

Rebbe Leader of religious group/rabbi

Anti-semitic Prejudice and discrimination against Jewish people

Fascism A way of organizing a society in which a government ruled by a dictator controls the lives of the people and in which people are not allowed to disagree with the government

Conflagration A large destructive fire

metaphor A comparison between two unlike things

simile A comparison of two things using like or as

imagery Descriptive or figurative language in a literary work; the use of language to create sensory impressions.

personification A figure of speech in which an object or animal is given human feelings, thoughts, or attitudes

stanza A group of lines in a poem

allusion A brief and indirect reference to a person, place, thing or idea of historical, cultural, literary or political significance.

paradox A figure of speech or statement that seems contradictory but actually contains a hidden truth

couplet Two consecutive lines of poetry that rhyme

slant rhyme Rhyme in which the vowel sounds are nearly, but not exactly the same (i.e. the words "stress" and "kiss"); sometimes called half-rhyme, near rhyme, or partial rhyme

alliteration It is a stylistic device in which a number of words, having the same first consonant sound, occur close together in a series.

lyric poetry Personal, reflective poetry that reveals the speaker's thoughts and feelings about the subject

free verse Poetry that does not have a regular meter or rhyme scheme

envoi A short passage at the end of a poem

sonnet A lyric poem of fourteen lines, usually in iambic pentameter, with rhymes arranged according to certain definite patterns. It usually expresses a single, complete idea or thought with a reversal, twist, or change of direction in the concluding lines.

ekphrastic poetry A vivid description of a scene or, more commonly, a work of art. Through the imaginative act of narrating and reflecting on the "action" of a painting or sculpture, the poet may amplify and expand its meaning.

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assonance Repetition of a vowel sound within two or more words in close proximity

oxymoron A figure of speech consisting of two apparently contradictory terms

quatrain A four line stanza

stanza A group of lines in a poem

sonnet A 14 line poem

couplet Two consecutive lines of poetry that rhyme

end rhyme Rhyme that occurs at the end of two or more lines of poetry

repetition A literary device that repeats the same words or phrases a few times to make an idea clearer

imagery Descriptive language that creates a sensory picture (a picture, sound, tactile feeling, taste, smell)

symbol A thing that represents or stands for something else, especially a material object representing something abstract.

onomatopoeia A word that imitates the sound it represents.

alliteration Repetition of consonant sounds

cliche A worn-out idea or overused expression

free verse Poetry that does not have a regular meter or rhyme scheme

lyric A type of poetry that explores the poet's personal interpretation of and feelings about the world.

narrative poem a poem that tells a story

thee you

thy your

wanton undisciplined, unrestrained, reckless

'tis it is

unwieldy hard to handle or manage, esp. because of size or weight

dote to show excessive love or fondness

conspire to plan together secretly

lamentation the passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping

fickle unpredictable; whimsical; easily swayed

consort to associate; to keep company

apt (adjective) having a tendency to do something

consort (verb) to keep company with

plague (noun ) any large-scale contagious bacterial disease

fatal (adjective) bringing death

exile (noun ) the act of expelling a person from their homeland

banish (verb) to send someone away from their home country as punishment

lamentation (noun) a passionate expression of grief or sorrow

fickle (adjective) liable to sudden and unpredictable change

beseech (verb) to urgently ask or beg for something

garish (adjective) excessively showy and bright

prate (verb) to speak about unimportant matters rapidly and incessantly

conspire (verb) to act in agreement and in secret towards a deceitful purpose

baleful (adjective ) foreshadowing of evil or tragic events

minion (noun) a follower of a powerful person

nuptial (adjective ) of or relating to a wedding

vial (noun) a small bottle that contains drugs or poison

unwieldy (adjective) difficult to use because of size or weight

scurvy (adjective) having the appearance of someone with scurvy (a lack of vitamin C)

agile (adverb) moving quickly and lightly

dote (verb) shower with love; show excessive emotion for

thou you

thee you

thine yours

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'tis it is

e'en even

o' of

e'er ever

ne'er never

'twas it was

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hast has

doth do

hath have

wilt will

thither there

anon soon

marry indeed

thence from then on

oft often

ope open

wither where

wherefore why

shrift confession to a priest

woo to date, to flirt with

an if

withal in addition, all together

twain two

wanton childish, playful

hence away from here