**Vocabulary Week 4 Honors English 9 October 12**

**SUB: “UNDER”**

* **Subservient**: subordinate in capacity or role.

*History shows that although men have often expected women to be* ***subservient****, many women have resisted.*

* **Subvert**: to upset, to overthrow, to ruin

*In 1917, revolutionists* ***subverted*** *the regime of the Russian czars.*

**TORT: “TO TWIST”**

* **Contort**: to twist or bend out of shape.

*The acrobats* ***contorted*** *their bodies into unusual and impossible-seeming shapes.*

* **Distort**: twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent

*Photoshop can be used to place two people who have never met into one picture,* ***distorting*** *their relationship and deceiving viewers.*

* **Retort**: A quick reply to a question or remark.

*Some teachers are known for their quick* ***retorts*** *to students who misbehave.*

* **Tortuous**: winding, twisted, crooked; highly involved, complex; devious

*Three animals make a* ***tortuous*** *return to their owners in the story* The Incredible Journey*.*

**VERS, VERT: “TO TURN AROUND”**

* **Adversity**: hardship; misfortune

*In the movie The* Martian, *Mark Watney is able to overcome the* ***adversity*** *of being stranded alone on a strange planet.*

* **Avert**: To turn aside, away; to prevent; to avoid

*During a solar eclipse, viewers must* ***avert*** *their eyes to avoid a sever burning of the retina.*

* **Introvert**: A person whose thoughts and interests are directed inward

***Introverts*** *often enjoy parties; they just prefer to watch what is going on rather that participating in it.*

* **Perverse**: inclined to go against what is expected; stubborn; turned away from what is good and proper.

*The children took* ***perverse*** *pleasure in hiding from their sitter while their parents were away.*