

English 10A

American Literature

Vocabulary 1 - "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."

- George Bernard Shaw

Please define the following words:

1. anecdote - **A SHORT AND AMUSING OR INTERESTING STORY ABOUT A REAL INCIDENT OR PERSON**
2. animosity - **STRONG HOSTILITY**
3. anomaly - **SOMETHING THAT DEVIATES FROM WHAT IS STANDARD, NORMAL, OR EXPECTED**
4. antecedent - **A THING OR EVENT THAT EXISTED BEFORE OR LOGICALLY PRECEDES ANOTHER**
5. antipathy - **A DEEP-SEATED FEELING OF DISLIKE; AVERSION**
6. antithesis - **A PERSON OR THING THAT IS THE DIRECT OPPOSITE OF SOMEONE OR SOMETHING ELSE**
7. apartheid - **(IN SOUTH AFRICA) A POLICY OR SYSTEM OF SEGREGATION OR DISCRIMINATION ON GROUNDS OF RACE.**
8. apathy - **LACK OF INTEREST, ENTHUSIASM, OR CONCERN**
9. aphorism - **A PITHY OBSERVATION THAT CONTAINS A GENERAL TRUTH, SUCH AS, "IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT."**
10. apocalypse - **THE COMPLETE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD, ESP. AS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLICAL BOOK OF REVELATION.**
11. apocryphal - **(OF A STORY OR STATEMENT) OF DOUBTFUL AUTHENTICITY, ALTHOUGH WIDELY CIRCULATED AS BEING TRUE**
12. apotheosis - **THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOMETHING; CULMINATION OR CLIMAX**
13. appease - **TO SOOTHE; TO PACIFY BY GIVING IN TO**
14. apprehensive - **WORRIED; ANXIOUS**
15. approbation - **APPROVAL OR PRAISE**
16. appropriate - **TO TAKE WITHOUT PERMISSION; TO SET ASIDE FOR A PARTICULAR USE**
17. arbiter - **A PERSON WHO SETTLES A DISPUTE OR HAS ULTIMATE AUTHORITY IN A MATTER**
18. arbitrary - **BASED ON RANDOM CHOICE OR PERSONAL WHIM, RATHER THAN ANY REASON OR SYSTEM**
19. arcane - **UNDERSTOOD BY FEW; MYSTERIOUS OR SECRET**
20. archaic - **VERY OLD OR OLD-FASHIONED**