

English 10A  
American Literature  
Vocabulary 14

Define the following words:

1. laud v to praise ; to applaud ; to extol ; to celebrate
2. lethargy n sluggishness ; laziness ; drowsiness ; indifference
3. levity n lightness ; frivolity ; unseriousness
4. libel n a written or published falsehood that injures the reputation of or defames someone ;
5. loquacious a talking a lot or too much
6. lucid a clear ; easy to understand ;
7. lugubrious a exaggeratedly mournful
8. machination n scheming activity for an evil purpose
9. magnanimous a forgiving ; unresentful ; noble in spirit ; generous
10. magnate n a rich powerful or very successful businessperson
11. malaise n a feeling of depression uneasiness or queasiness
12. malfeasance n an illegal act especially by a public official
13. malingering v to pretend to be sick to avoid doing work
14. malleable a easy to shape or bend
15. manifest a visible ; evident
16. manifesto n a public declaration of beliefs or principles usually political ones
17. marshal v to arrange in order ; to gather together for the purpose of doing something ;
18. martyr n someone who gives up his or her life in pursuit of a cause especially a religious one ; one who suffers for a cause ; one who makes a show of suffering in order to arouse sympathy
19. matriculate v to enroll especially at a college
20. maudlin a silly and overly sentimental a lot visible or apparent, potential from work