

English 3, Semester 2, Unit 2 Vocab

adverse	oppositional, unfavorable, contrary
allay	to ease
almanac	an annual publication containing a calendar for the coming year, the times of sunrises and sunsets, phases of the moon, tides, and other statistical information and related topics
American Exceptionalism	the proposition that the United States is different from other countries in that it has a specific world mission to spread liberty and democracy
annotation	a note made while reading a text
apprehension	worry; anxiety
argument	the main idea presented in support of a claim in an essay
audience	the readers, viewers, or hearers
avarice	greed
Bill of Rights	the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States that ensure freedoms and set limits on governmental powers
claim	the main assertion in your essay; supports the argument
clarity	ease of understanding
clause	in grammar, a group of words that includes a subject and a verb
connotation	an emotional or cultural association attached to a word or phrase
connotative	a suggested or implied meaning
context clues	identifying a word's meaning by examining the surrounding sequence of words
Continental Congress	a convention of delegates called together from the Thirteen Colonies that became the governing body of the United States during the American Revolution
convention	a way of thinking or behaving that is widely used or accepted among a particular group of people
denotation	the literal meaning attributed to a word or phrase
diction	word choice
diffuse	to disseminate or spread over a large area
emphasis	stress applied to a word or passage when speaking
ethical	following accepted conduct concerning what is right and wrong
evidence	the information presented in an essay to support an argument and claim(s)
explicit	an idea that has been fully or clearly expressed
faction	a group of self-interested individuals trying to promote their interests
figurative language	symbolic or specially expressed language used to create a dramatic image
haughty	arrogant, snobbish, vainly proud, or self-important
infer	to deduce an idea using indirect evidence
inference	a conclusion drawn based on hints, suggestions, or the interpretation of evidence found in a text
inflection	an alteration of the pitch or tone of the voice
insupportable	unbearable
latent	something present but undeveloped
mercantilism	the idea that colonies existed for the benefit of the Mother Country
metamorphosis	a dramatic change in physical form, structure, or substance
nominal	in name only (not in actions or behavior)
paraphrase	to restate someone else's ideas in your own words
personification	the attaching of human-like characteristics to nonhuman entities; a type of figurative language
phrase	in grammar, a group of words that do not include a subject and verb, functioning together as a part of a sentence
point of view	the position from which something is observed or expressed
preamble	a preliminary statement, especially in a formal document to explain its purpose
profligacy	the act of being wildly extravagant and/or foolishly wasteful

Protestant work ethic	a concept in Puritanism that emphasizes hard work, frugality, and prosperity as a demonstration of a person's salvation
purpose	the main reason for writing an essay, such as explaining, describing, or persuading
quote	to use the exact words of someone else
ramparts	fortifications; protective wall or barrier
reasoning	the act or process of drawing conclusions from facts and evidence
reference materials	sources of information that can be cited to check the validity of statements and gain valuable knowledge
rhetoric	written or spoken words that are intended to inform, persuade, or motivate particular audiences in specific situations
rhetoric	persuasive speaking or writing
rhetorical devices	techniques an author uses to create literary effects, for example, word choice, style, tone, figurative language
secular	separate from religious
seminal text	a literary work that is a first in its area and that has strongly influenced other, later works or movements
significance	importance; influence on situations, people, or actions
specious	deceptive; seemingly pleasing or good but actually false and misleading
Stamp Act	legislation that raised money to support the British army stationed in America by requiring Americans to buy stamps for things like newspapers, legal documents, and other items
steeped	soaked in, as a tea bag in a cup of boiled water
technical language	language that is specialized to achieve a specific purpose
theme	a topic of discourse or discussion, often expressed as a phrase, proposition, or question
thesis	the statement of your argument
thruppence	three pence, or three pennies, three cents
tone	a manner or expression of speech or writing; the attitude expressed by a writer toward the subject, the characters, or the audience
tone	the writer's attitude as conveyed through word choice and style
variegated	very diverse or different in several or many ways
vauntingly	boastfully
Venn diagram	organizational tool that uses intersecting circles to illustrate the similarities, differences, and relationships between different groups
viz	Latin; abbreviation for videlicet- meaning "that is" or "namely" used to introduce examples, lists, or items
volume	the loudness or softness of a sound