The Scarlet Letter Vocabulary

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2nd period
Petrify  [pe-truh-fahy]
Definition: To Harden

Synonym: Solidify
Antonym: Melt

Example: He was petrified after seeing the scary movie.
Transgressor  [trans-gres-or]

Definition: Sinner

Synonym: Convict, Delinquent, Wrongdoer

Antonym: Police, Law Follower

Example: Having bad influences in your life leads you down the path of becoming a transgressor.
Purport [per-pohrt]

Definition: Meaning

Synonym: Understanding, Connotation

Antonym: Misunderstanding, Misinterpret

Example: The purport of my life is to live it to the fullest.
Visage  [viz-ij]

Definition: Face

Synonym: Expression, Appearance, Features

Example: It was evident in his visage that he had the energy and focus to finish the race.
Iniquity       [ih-nik-wi-tee]

Definition: Wickedness

Synonym: Evil, Heinousness, Sinful

Antonym: Good, Virtue, Goodness

Example: The sudden uprising against the king resulted from his exceeding iniquity.
Rankle  [rang-kuhl]

Definition: To irritate

Synonym: Aggravate, Bother, Torment

Antonym: Delight, Please, Comfort

Example: My annoying cousin came to visit and rankled me the entire weekend.
Fervor  [fur-ver]

Definition: Zeal

Synonym: Excitement, Enthusiasm

Antonym: Apathy, Discouragement

Example: Woody Allen lived his life full of fervor.

“I have no idea what I am doing, but incompetence has never prevented me from plunging in with enthusiasm.”
Exhort  [ig-zawrt]

Definition: To incite

Synonym: Advise, Preach, Caution

Antonym: Deceive, Trick, Betray

Example: The policeman exhorted us to be wary of killer in the neighborhood.
Efficacy  [ef-i-kuh-see]

Definition: Effectiveness

Synonym: Efficiency, Capableness

Antonym: Failure, Inefficiency, Unproductive

Example: His method of solving the problem had no efficacy.
Retribution  [re-truh-byoo-shuhn]

Definition: Punishment

Synonym: Justice, Vengeance, Compensation

Antonym: Forgiveness, Pardon, Sympathy

Example: His act of violence required retribution.
Progenitor  [proh-jen-i-ter]

Definition: Forefathers

Synonym: Ancestor, Predecessor

Antonym: Descendant, Offspring

Example: Luke is not the progenitor of the Vader family.
Emolument  [ih-mol-yuh-muhnt]

Definition: Income

Synonym: Payment, Profit

Antonym: Loss

Example: The man's only goal in life is to have steady emolument.
Concoct \[\text{[kon-kokt]}\]

Definition: To devise

Synonym: Formulate, Fabricate, Scheme

Antonym: Destroy, Ruin

Example: I concocted the perfect prank for the substitute teacher.
Insidious  [in-sid-ee-uhs]

Definition: treacherous

Synonym: Deceptive, Sneaky, Cunning

Antonym: Fair, Honest, Loyal

Example: Many brave hikers were able to reach the top of the insidious mountains.
Inopportune

Definition: Inconvenient

Synonym: Inappropriate, Contrary, Unsuitable

Antonym: Appropriate, Timely, Suitable

Example: I needed to use the restroom at the most inopportune time.
Procure  [proh-kyoor]

Definition: To obtain

Synonym: Acquire, Gain, Purchase

Antonym: Lose, Forfeit

Example: He would like to procure some money for his family before he dies.
Attire  [uh-tahy-uhr]

Definition: Clothing

Synonym: Apparel, Outfit,

Example: I sometimes question other peoples' attire choices.
Revile  [ri-vahyl]

Definition: To Scold

Synonym: Chide, Lecture, Scorn

Antonym: Defend, Praise

Example: The father reviled his son for not being a good enough son.
Enmity  [en-mi-tee]

Definition: Dislike

Synonym: Loathing, Malice, Hate

Antonym: Friendship, Love, Kindness

Example: They observe me trundling, and they have enmity. (They see me rollin'. They hatin')
Preternatural \[\text{[pree-ter-nach-er-uh-l]}\]

Definition: Strange

Synonym: Unnatural, Marvelous, Odd

Antonym: Common, Natural, Normal

Example: America, in a good way, can sometimes be quite preternatural.
Extant  [ek-stuhnt]

Definition: Existing

Synonym: Real, Present, Living

Antonym: Dead, Extinct, Nonexistent

Example: I sometimes wish that my favorite movies were extant.
Pestilence  [pes-tl-uh-n斯]

Definition: Plague

Synonym: Epidemic, Infection, Disease

Antonym: Cured, Healing, Uncontagious

Example: In the near future, a deadly pestilence will be among us.
Vista  [vis-tuh]

Definition: View

Synonym: Sight, Scene, Perspective

Example: I only see a vista of furry adorableness in front of me.
Depravity  [dih-prav-i-tee]

Definition: Corruption

Synonym: Degradation, Immorality

Antonym: Honor, Nobility, Pure

Example: You have dishonored your family with your depravity.
Mountebank

Definition: "Con" man

Synonym: Cheat, Imposter, Swindler

Antonym: Honest, Original

Example: The mountebank conned me out of my money.
Profane  [pruh-feyn]

Definition: Unholy

Synonym: Immoral, Heathen, Sinful

Antonym: Clean, Moral, Sacred

Example: My vocabulary consists of many profane words.
Scrupulous

Definition: Conscientious

Synonym: Careful, Meticulous, Particular

Antonym: Careless, Negligent

Example: To make sure I succeed, I must be more scrupulous about my appearance.
Sagacity  [suh-gas-i-tee]

Definition: Wisdom

Synonym: Common Sense, Insight, Understanding

Antonym: Stupidity,

Example: Some people just don't have the sagacity to succeed in life.
Vilify  [vil-uh-fahy]

Definition: To slander

Synonym: Criticize, Put Down, Attack

Antonym: Compliment, Praise

Example: Instead of vilifying you, I will just quietly hope that you step on a lego.

I hope you step on a lego.
(nothing personal 😊)
Decorous  [dekr-er-uhs]

Definition: Proper

Synonym: Appropriate, Dignified, Decent

Antonym: Impolite, Inappropriate, Indecent

Example: You must be quite decorous, right?

oh, you fancy, huh?