

AP English Literature Composition
Q4 Vocabulary (from popular SAT words)

<u>Word</u>	<u>Part of Speech</u>	<u>Definition</u>
admonish	v	to warn, to caution in counsel, to reprimand
aphorism	n	a concise statement of truth or principle, an adage
arduous	adj	hard, difficult, tiresome, demanding
assail	v	to attack with words or force, assault, besiege
assiduous	adj	hardworking, busy, persistent
atrophy	v	to wither away, to deteriorate
austere	adj	stern, plain, without excess, severe, grim
belabor	v	to go over repeatedly to an absurd extent, to pummel, to repeat
capitulate	v	to surrender, to succumb
circumspect	adj	prudent, cautious
corroborate	v	to confirm, to back up with evidence, to verify
deride	v	to ridicule, to mock, to put down
didactic	adj	intended to teach; morally instructive, educational
egregious	adj	extremely bad, flagrant
exact	v	to demand of, to impose
extraneous	adj	irrelevant, unnecessary, nonessential
fallacious	adj	false, wrong, incorrect, deceptive
fraught	adj	laden with emotional distress
harried	adj	troubled or bothered, distressed
impasse	n	dead end, stalemate, deadlock, standstill
indolent	adj	lazy, sluggish
irascible	adj	easily angered, irritable, grouchy
lacerate	v	to rip, maul, tear, mutilate, or mangle, to wound
laconic	adj	not saying much, brief, concise
malevolent	adj	wishing evil on others, hateful, intending evil
nefarious	adj	extremely wicked, reprehensible
noxious	adj	physically or mentally destructive
perfunctory	adj	unenthusiastic, careless
pretentious	adj	making ridiculous claims, boastful, ostentatious
prevaricate	v	to deviate from the truth, to deceive
quell	v	to calm, pacify, repress
raze	v	to tear down, demolish, destroy
repudiate	v	to reject, disown, or renounce, to deny or refuse
taciturn	adj	untalkative by nature, reserved
temerity	n	disregard for danger or manners
tout	v	to publicly brag, boast
vacillation	n	the act of swinging from one course of action or opinion to another, indecision
vacuous	adj	lacking ideas or intelligence, dull, stupid
verbatim	adj	word for word, exact
veritable	adj	unquestionable, true, genuine