

English 10A

American Literature / Vocabulary 10

“Better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt.”
- Mark Twain

Define the following words:

1. equitable – (adj) fair and impartial : *an equitable balance of power.*
2. equivocal – (adj) ambiguous; intentionally confusing; capable of being interpreted in more than one way
3. erudite – (adj) scholarly; deeply learned
4. esoteric – (adj) hard to understand; understood by only a select few; peculiar
5. espouse – (v) to support; to advocate
6. ethereal – (adj) heavenly; as light and insubstantial as a gas or ether
7. euphemism – (n) a pleasant or inoffensive expression used in place of an unpleasant or offensive one
8. evanescent – (adj) fleeting; vanishing; happening for only the briefest period
9. exacerbate – (v) make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse
10. exalt – (v) to raise high; to glorify
11. exhort – (v) to urge strongly; to give a serious warning to
12. exigency – (n) an emergency; an urgency
13. exonerate – (v) to free completely from blame; to exculpate
14. expatriate – (v) to throw (someone) out of his or her native land; to move away from one's native land
15. expedient – (adj) providing an immediate advantage; serving one's immediate self-interest; practical
16. expedite – (v) to speed up or ease the progress of
17. extol – (v) to praise highly; to laud
18. extrapolate – (v) to project or deduce from something known; to infer
19. extricate – (v) to free from difficulty
20. exult – (v) to rejoice; to celebrate