

Vocabulary #1b

English 10 Honors

Denotation: dictionary definition, the literal meaning

Connotation: an idea or meaning that a word invokes in addition to its literal meaning

1. nettle - (v.) to annoy; to vex
2. noxious - (adj.) harmful
3. obdurate - (adj.) stubborn
4. obligatory - (adj.) binding, required
5. obscure - (adj.) dark; vague; unclear
6. odious - (adj.) hateful
7. olfactory - (adj.) concerning the sense of smell
8. oratorio - (n.) dramatic poem set to music
9. ornithology - (n.) the study of birds
10. nomenclature - (n.) terminology; system of names
11. overweening - (adj.) arrogant
12. palpable - (adj.) tangible; easily perceptible
13. pander - (v.) to cater to the low desires of others
14. parley - (n.) a conference or discussion, usually between enemies
15. pensive - (adj.) dreamily thoughtful
16. penury - (n.) extreme poverty
17. petulant - (adj.) touchy, peevish; easily irritated
18. physiognomy - (n.) the human face
19. politic - (adj.) expedient; marked by prudence or shrewdness
20. polygamist - (n.) one who has more than one wife at a time
21. precipitate - (adj.) done without deliberation; rash, too hasty
22. prevail - (v.) induce; triumph over
23. propitiate - (v.) to appease
24. propriety - (n.) standards of social acceptance; correct or appropriate conduct
25. purgatory - (n.) a temporary condition of torment or suffering