

Vocabulary Chart

Keep a list of words you have learned throughout the unit.

| Word | Part of Speech | My Definition | Synonyms, Antonyms, and Similar Words (Word Family) | Picture and/or Source Sentence |
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| commensurate | adjective | in proportion to | Synonym: Equal Root word "com": together | "Its vanished trees, the trees that had made way for [his] house, had once pandered in whispers to the last and greatest of all human dreams; for a transitory enchanted moment man must have held his breath in the presence of this continent, compelled into an aesthetic contemplation he neither understood nor desired, face to face for the last time in history with something commensurate to his capacity for wonder"(). |
| aesthetic | adjective | related to being beautiful | Antonym: displeasing | "Its vanished trees, the trees that had made way for [his] house, had once pandered in whispers to the last and greatest of all human dreams; for a transitory enchanted moment man must have held his breath in the presence of this continent, compelled into an aesthetic contemplation he neither understood nor desired, face to face for the last time in history with something commensurate to his capacity for wonder"(). |

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| feign(ed) | verb | pretend(ed); fake(d) | Synonym: simulate Antonym: | "Most of the confidences were unsought— frequently I have <i>feigned</i> sleep, preoccupation, or a hostile levity when I realized by some unmistakable sign that an intimate revelation was quivering on the horizon"(Fitzgerald 1). |
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| impressionability | noun | ability to be influenced | Synonym: suggestible Antonym: rigid | "This responsiveness had nothing to do with that flabby impressionability which is dignified under the name of the 'creative temperament'— it was an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness such as I have never found in any other person and which it is not likely I shall ever find again"(Fitzgerald 4). |
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"In certain remote corners of the Old World disorder; confusion Synonym: chaos noun tumult Antonym: peacefulness you may still sometimes stumble upon a small district that seems to have been forgotten amid the general tumult, and to have remained stationary while everything around it was in motion" (deTocqueville p1). a source of pleasure Synonym: satisfaction "Their taste for physical gratifications must be gratifications noun Antonym: dissatisfaction regarded as the original source of that secret disquietude which the actions of the Root word: "grat" which means Americans betray and of that inconstancy of which they daily ford fresh examples"(p7). to agree. ineffectual; useless Synonym: futile "Death at length overtakes him, but it is before adjective bootless Antonym: effective he is weary of his bootless chase of that complete felicity which forever escapes him" (p5). "Their taste for physical gratifications must be a state of uneasiness; anxiety Synonym: anxiety noun regarded as the original source of that secret disquietude Antonym: calmness disquietude which the actions of the Root word: "dis" which means to Americans betray and of that inconstancy of which they daily ford fresh examples" (p7). be unlike.



| trepidation | noun | a feeling of fear or agitation. | Synonym: nervousness Antonym: calmness | "This thought fills him with anxiety, fear, and regret and keeps his mind in ceaseless trepidation, which leads him perpetually to change his plans and his abode"(p8). |
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| doggedly | adverb | persistently | Synonym: stubbornly Antonym: indifferently | "Whatever efforts a people may make, they will never succeed in reducing all the conditions of society to a perfect level; and even if they unhappily attained that absolute and complete equality of position, the inequality of minds would still remain, which, coming directly from the hand of God, will forever escape the laws of man. However democratic, then, the social state and the political constitution of a people may be, it is certain that every member of the community will always find out several points about him which overlook his own position; and we may foresee that his looks will be doggedly fixed in that direction"(p12). |

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