**English 12**

**Vocabulary Terms**

**Source: *Fahrenheit 451***

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| **TERM** | **DEFINITION(S)** |
| minstrel (p. 4) | ***noun*** **1.** a medieval poet and musician who sang or recited while accompanying himself on a stringed instrument, either as a member of a [noble](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/noble) household or as an itinerant troubadour. **2.** a musician, singer, or poet. **3.** one of a troupe of comedians, usually white men made up as black performers, presenting songs, jokes, etc.  |
| phoenix (p. 6) | noun 1. a mythical bird of great beauty fabled to live 500 or 600 years in the Arabian wilderness, to burn itself on a funeral pyre, and to rise from its ashes in the freshness of youth and live through another cycle of years: often an emblem of immortality or of reborn idealism or hope. 2. a person or thing that has become renewed or restored after suffering calamity or apparent annihilation. |
| pedestrian (p.9) | noun 1. a person who goes or travels on foot; walker.2. lacking in vitality, imagination, distinction, etc.; commonplace; prosaic or dull: a pedestrian commencement speech |
| refracted (p.11) | noun 1. Physics . the change of direction of a ray of light, sound, heat, or the like, in passing obliquely from one medium into another in which its wave velocity is different. 2.Ophthalmology . the ability of the eye to refract light that enters it so as to form an image on the retina; the determining of the refractive condition of the eye. 3. Astronomy . Also called astronomical refraction. the amount, in angular measure, by which the altitude of a celestial body is increased by the refraction of its light in the earth's atmosphere, being zero at the zenith and a maximum at the horizon. |
| stratum (p.14) | 1. a layer of material, naturally or artificially formed, often one of a number of parallel layers one upon another: a stratum of ancient foundations. 2.one of a number of portions or divisions likened to layers or levels: an allegory with many strata of meaning. 3.Geology . a single bed of sedimentary rock, generally consisting of one kind of matter representing continuous deposition. 4.Biology . a layer of tissue; lamella. 5. Ecology . (in a plant community) a layer of vegetation, usually of the same or similar height. 6.a layer of the ocean or the atmosphere distinguished by natural or arbitrary limits. 7. Sociology . a level or grade of a people or population with reference to social position, education, etc.: the lowest stratum of society. 8. Linguistics . (in stratificational grammar) a major subdivision of linguistic structure |
| olfactory (p. 24) | adjective 1. of or pertaining to the sense of smell: olfactory organs. |
| multi-faceted (p. 26) | 1. having many facets, as a gem.
2. noun -one of the small, polished plane surfaces of a cut gem.
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| trajectory (p. 26) | 1. the curve described by a projectile, rocket, or the like in its flight. |
| drone (p. 32) | noun 1. the male of the honeybee and other bees, stingless and making no honey. 2. a remote control mechanism, as a radio-controlled airplane or boat. 3. a person who lives on the labor of others; parasitic loafer. |
| proclivities (p. 33) | natural or habitual inclination or tendency; propensity; predisposition: a proclivity to meticulousness. |

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| **TERM** | **DEFINITION(S)** |
| incinerator (p. 66) |  |
| sieve (p. 71, 78) |  |
| insidious (p. 86) |  |
| centrifuge (p. 87) |  |
| intellectual (p. 90) |  |
| contemptible (p. 91) |  |
| manifested (p. 105) |  |
| perpetual (p. 115) |  |
| aesthetic (p. 115) |  |
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| smouldering (p. 117) |  |
| blanched (p. 120) |  |
| chad (p. 120) |  |
| penance (p. 121) |  |
| obscure (p. 121) |  |
| instinctively (p. 124) |  |
| plummeting (p. 125) |  |
| phosphorescent (p. 126) |  |
| falter (p. 127) |  |
| luminous (p. 133) |  |