**Vocabulary Units 1-7 (50 points)**

**These words will be included on your semester exam. You will need to match the definition to the word.**

**Unit One**

Hover - to float or hang suspended over; to move back and forth uncertainly over or around

Revert - to return, go back

Excerpt - a passage taken from a book, article, etc.

Preclude - to make impossible, prevent, shut out

Collaborate - to work with, work together

Vigil - a watch, especially at night; any period of watchful attention

Citadel - a fortress that overlooks and protects a city; any strong or commanding place

**Unit Two**

Legendary - described in well-known stories; existing in old stories (legends) rather than in real life

Enterprising - energetic, willing and able to start something new; showing boldness and imagination

Venerate - to regard with reverence, look up to with great respect

Bountiful - giving freely, generous; plentiful, given abundantly

Frugal - economical, avoiding waste and luxury; scanty, poor, meager

Antics - ridiculous and unpredictable behavior or actions

Oblique - slanting or sloping; not straightforward or direct

**Unit Three**

Amass - to bring together, collect, gather, especially for oneself; to come together, assemble

Instigate - to urge on; to stir up, start, incite

Incapacitate - to deprive of strength or ability; to make legally ineligible

Perturb - to trouble, make uneasy; to disturb greatly; to throw into confusion

Longevity - long life, long duration, length of life

Audacious - bold, adventurous, recklessly daring

Allot - to assign or distribute in shares or portions

**Unit Four**

Ornate - elaborately decorated; showily splendid

Annul - to reduce to nothing; to make ineffective or inoperative; to declare legally invalid or void

Promontory - a high point of land extending into water

Deplore - to feel or express regret or disapproval

Solicitous - showing concern or care; fearful or anxious about someone or something

Prone - lying face down; inclined, likely

Bolster - to support, give a boost to

**Unit Five**

Assert - to declare or state as truth, maintain or defend, put forward forcefully

Indiscriminate - without restraint or control; unselective

Facetious - humorous, not meant seriously

Intrigue - crafty dealings, underhanded plotting

Disdain - crafty dealings, underhanded plotting

Proximity - nearness, closeness

Aghast - filled with amazement, disgust, fear, or terror

**Unit Six**

Anguish - to cause deep pain or sorrow

Pseudonym - a pen name, name assumed by a writer

Aloof - withdrawn, standing apart from others by choice

Forthright - frank, direct, straightforward

Ostracize - to exclude from a group, banish, send away

Resolute - bold, determined; firm

Articulate - to pronounce distinctly; to express well in words; to fit together into a system

**Unit Seven**

Exotic - foreign; charmingly unfamiliar or strikingly unusual

Turncoat - a person who switches to an opposing side or party

Menial - lowly, humble, lacking importance or dignity

Predatory - preying on, plundering, or piratical

Juncture - a joining together; the point at which two things are joined; any important point in time

Attribute - a quality or characteristic belonging to or associated with someone or something

Haggard - thin, pale, and careworn as a result of worry or suffering; wild-looking

**Literary Terms (25 points) -** Be able to define and recognize (in examples) the following literary terms:

Personification

Onomatopoeia

Simile

Metaphor

Imagery

Symbol

Motif

Alliteration

**Grammar (25 points) -** Be able to define and identify (in sentences) the following parts of speech:

Nouns

Pronouns

Verbs – active, linking, helping

Adjectives

Adverbs

Prepositions (Prepositional Phrases)

**Writing (50 points)** – In order to show off your writing skills, you will address the following prompt.

We have read two major literary works this semester – *Of Mice and Men* and *The House on Mango* *Street* – in an essay of at least four paragraphs detail which of these works has greater literary value. Make specific references to the text you select in your argument.