

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Philosophical Edition
Week 24 (Tuesday, Mar. 6, 2007)

1. **Cabal** – *N.* A conspiratorial group of plotters or intriguers
2. **Cadre** – *N.* A small unit serving as part of or as the nucleus of a larger political movement; cell
3. **Caucus** – *N.* A closed political meeting
4. **Clout** – *N.* Special advantage or influence; power
5. **Coalition** – *N.* An alliance, especially a temporary one, of people, factions, parties, or nations
6. **Gerrymander** – *V.* To divide into voting districts so as to give unfair advantage to one party in elections
7. **Graft** – *N.* The practice of offering something in order to gain an illicit advantage; bribery
8. **Incumbent** – *N.* The official who currently holds an office
9. **Jingoism** – *N.* Extreme nationalism characterized especially by an aggressive foreign policy
10. **Junket** – *N.* A party, banquet, trip, or outing
11. **Nepotism** – *N.* Favoritism shown to relatives or close friends by those in power
12. **Partisan** – *Adj.* Devoted to or biased in support of a party, group, or cause
13. **Ploy** – *N.* An action calculated to frustrate an opponent; maneuver
14. **Quisling** – *N.* Someone who collaborates with an enemy occupying force; traitor
15. **Quorum** – *N.* A gathering of the minimal number of members of an organization to conduct business
16. **Stalwart** – *Adj.* Having or marked by imposing physical strength and loyalty