

Advanced Placement Vocabulary  
Week 3 (*Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006*)

1. **Abstemious** – *Adj.* Eating and drinking in moderation
2. **Adduce** – *V.* To cite as an example or means of proof in an argument
3. **Aggrandize** – *V.* To increase the scope of or to appear greater; exaggerate
4. **Amass** – *V.* To gather
5. **Belated** – *Adj.* Having been delayed (*Happy Belated Birthday Will Smith!!1*)
6. **Chastise** – *V.* To punish, as by beating
7. **Coalesce** – *V.* To come or grow together; fuse
8. **Contagion** – *N.* An incident in which something is transmitted, most often diseases  
also, the communication of an attitude or emotional state among a  
number of people
9. **Efficacy** – *N.* Power or capacity to produce a desired effect; effectiveness
10. **Evince** – *V.* To show or demonstrate clearly; manifest
11. **Exigency** – *N.* A pressing or urgent situation; crisis
12. **Extirpate** – *V.* To remove by the roots
13. **Forestall** – *V.* To keep from happening or arising; have the effect of preventing
14. **Frenetic** – *Adj.* Wildly excited or active; frantic; frenzied (*also phrenetic*)
15. **Funereal** – *Adj.* Of or relating to a funeral
16. **Guile** – *N.* Treacherous cunning; skillful deceit
17. **Insular** – *Adj.* Of, relating to, or constituting an island
18. **Largess** – *N.* Money or gifts bestowed (*also largesse*)
19. **Maculated** – *Adj.* The characteristic of having spots or blotches
20. **Militate** – *V.* To have force or influence
21. **Nexus** – *N.* A means of connection; a link or tie
22. **Polemic** – *Adj.* Of or relating to a controversy, argument, or refutation
23. **Politic** – *Adj.* Crafty and artful; also judicious
24. **Presupposing** – *V.* To believe or suppose in advance; presume
25. **Quiescent** – *Adj.* Being quiet, still, or at rest; inactive
26. **Rapacious** – *Adj.* Taking by force; plundering  
also, excessively greedy and grasping; aggressive
27. **Remnant** – *N.* Something left over
28. **Requisite** – *Adj.* Required
29. **Stricture** – *N.* A restraint, limit, or restriction
30. **Tendentious** – *Adj.* Marked by a strong implicit point of view
31. **Timorous** – *Adj.* Full of apprehensiveness; timid
32. **Urbane** – *Adj.* Polite, refined, and often elegant in manner
33. **Voluble** – *Adj.* Marked by a ready flow of speech; fluent