

English 11-A*

Vocabulary Unit 3

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| iconoclast (eye KON uh klast) | lament (luh MENT) |
| ideology (EYE dee OL uh JEE) | lampoon (lam POON) |
| idiosyncrasy (ID ee oh SINK ruh see) | languish (LANG gwish) |
| idyllic (eye DIL ik) | machination (mak uh NAY shun) |
| ignominy (ig NUH min ee) | magnanimous (mag NAN uh mus) |
| judicious (joo DISH us) | magnate (MAG nate) |
| juxtapose (JUK stuh POSE) | malaise (ma LAYZ) |
| kinetic (ki NET ik) | malfeasance (mal FEE zunz) |
| labyrinth (LAB uh rinth) | malingering (muh LING ger) |
| laconic (luh KON ik) | malleable (MAL ee uh bul) |

	Exercising sound judgment	
	A rich, powerful, or very successful business person	
	One who attacks popular beliefs or institutions	
	Having to do with motion; lively; active	
	To mourn	
	An illegal act, especially by a public official	
	Deep disgrace	
	To become weak, listless, or depressed	
	Scheming activity for an evil purpose	
	Easy to shape or bend	
	A system of social or political ideas	
	Charming in a rustic way; naturally peaceful	
	To place side by side	
	A maze; something like a maze	
	Forgiving; unresentful; noble in spirit; generous	
	Using few words, especially to the point of seeming rude	
	A peculiarity; an eccentricity	
	A feeling of being uneasy or queasy; a vague sense of mental or moral ill-being	
	To pretend to be sick to avoid doing work	
	To satirize; to mock; to parody	

1. A sudden _____ descended on the students in the class when the teacher announced a pop quiz. Several students turned absolutely green.
2. The ruthless _____ of the mobsters left a trail of blood and bodies.
3. If it is _____ art, it is made of moving or moveable pieces.

4. The formerly eager and vigorous accountant _____ in his tedious job at the international conglomerate.
5. The manager's _____ dismissal letter left the fired employee feeling angry and hurt. The letter didn't even state the reasons for his dismissal.
6. The popular columnist was an inveterate _____, avidly attacking public figures no matter what their party affiliation.
7. After the big scandal, the formerly high-flying investment banker fell into a life of shame and _____.
8. The judge was far from _____; he told the jury that he thought the defendant looked guilty and said that anyone who would wear a red bow tie into a courtroom deserved to go to jail.
9. The irreverent students mercilessly _____ their Spanish teacher's lisp in a skit at the school talent show.
10. Stuart is _____; we can make him do anything we want him to do.
11. Mrs. Jones _____ offered the little boy a cookie when he came over to confess that he had broken her window while attempting to shoot her cat with his pellet gun.
12. The bill took many months to pass through the _____ of Congressional approval.
13. Indolent Leon always _____ when it was his turn to clean up the house. His mother decided he needed a strong "dose" of his own medicine. She stopped doing his laundry because her back was killing her.
14. As the snowstorm gained in intensity, Stan _____ his decision to dress that morning in shorts and a t-shirt.
15. John D. Rockefeller was a(n) _____ who was never too busy to give a shoeshine boy a dime for his troubles.
16. President Ford officially pardoned former President Nixon before the latter could be convicted of any _____.
17. Comedy and tragedy were _____ in the play, which was alternately funny and sad.
18. They built their house in a(n) _____ spot. There was a babbling brook in back and an unbroken view of wooded hills in front.
19. Conservatism and liberalism are competing political _____.
20. The doctor's interest was aroused by a(n) _____ in Bill's skull; there seemed to be a coin slot in the back of his head.