Vocabulary List

dreary - dark, depressing, and gloomy

quaint - old-fashioned

curious - strange; unusual

lore - stories thought to be based on truth; myths

chamber - room

'Tis - abbreviation of "it is"

bleak - see "dreary"

ember - the glowing bits left at the bottom of a fireplace

morrow - tomorrow

mainly - without success

sought - tried to get

surcease - an end

nameless - in this poem, no longer to be mentioned

entreaty - asking or begging

implore - beg

scarce - hardly

token - indication that something happened

lattice - crossed pieces of wood, similar to those found in a window pane

stately - having excellent manners

yore - times long past

obeisance - acknowledgement of someone with greater authority

mien - air; appearance; dignity

bust - statue of a head

Pallas - Greek god of war and late spring/early summer

Plutonian - reference to Pluto, both the planet (the farthest from the sun) and the god (of the underworld, death, and the dead)

beguiling - trick into feeling pleasure

fancy - imagination

"The Cask of Amontillado"

cask - a very small barrel, usually used to store liquids

Amontillado - A rare and expensive wine

injuries - minor insults

precluded - made impossible

impunity - freedom from being caught or punished

unredressed- not avenged

retribution - punishment

wont - usual practice

immolation - burning to death

gemmary - the study of gems and precious stones

carnival season - Usually, a week-long party in the streets, during which people often dress in costumes that conceal their identity and do things they wouldn't normally do, like drinking to excess

quack - someone who pretends to be an expert in a subject, but actually knows nothing about that subject

motley - a patchwork outfit of bright colors worn by court jesters in medieval times

pipe - a very small barrel, usually used to store liquids

Sherry - A type of very cheap wine

Whither - Where

roquelaire - French for "A long cape or cloak"

palazzo - an Italian mansion

Flambeaux - French for "torches"

vaults, catacombs - storage area for the bodies of a family's predecessors
nitre - The French name for a white, powdery substance left when water leeches through stone or cement.

Medoc - a fine wine

arms - abbreviation of "coat of arms," a set of symbols, composed into a single picture or portrait, that represent the qualities of the family. They often had a motto written at the bottom.

Nemo me impune lacesit - Latin for "No one attacks me with impunity"

puncheon - a tool used to open casks

DeGrave - A fine wine

mason - 1) An abbreviation of "Freemason", which refers to a secret society whose members are usually the most important, rich, and powerful people in the region 2) a low-level laborer who works with stones and bricks

trowel - a hand tool used by a mason to place and spread cement

crypt - a room or sub-section of a catacomb

niche - a small opening

rapiier - a needle-like sword

In pace requiescat - Latin for "Rest in peace"

"The Tell-Tale Heart"

acute - particularly sensitive

hearken - listen

dissimulation - sneakiness

vexed - bothered; disturbed; angered

profound - wise; clever

sagacity - wisdom; cleverness

harkening - listening; paying attention to

death watch - the name given to a kind of beetle that lived in the walls of older buildings; people believed they would hear these beetles tapping on the walls when someone in the house was going to die

overcharged - filled beyond capacity

tatoo - a rapid beating noise

suavity - politeness

deputed - charged with the responsibility

bade - told

audacity - boldness; pridefulness

reposed - rested

derision - scorn; contempt

hypocritical - belonging to a hypocrite [one who says you should do one thing but does the opposite]

"The Black Cat"

homely - normal; plain

solicit - ask for

expound - add detail to; explain

barroques - French plays

phantasms - ghosts

docility - calmness

disposition - personality

conspicuous - noticeable

sagacious - intelligent; wise

derivable - able to be gotten from

paltry - weak

gossamer - thin; insubstantial

fidelity - loyalty

not uncongenial - matched with

partiality - enjoyment of

latter - last item listed
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<td>thenceforward - from then on</td>
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<td>endeared - caused to be emotionally closer to</td>
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<td>aversion - dislike of</td>
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<td>pertinacity - stubbornness; tenaciousness</td>
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rigorous - exact
distinctness - clearness
ghastly - horrifying
gallows - the apparatus used to hang people, consisting of a wooden platform with an arm above it from which hangs a rope with a noose at the end; a trap door opens in the wooden platform, dropping the victim and causing the noose to tighten and break the neck
brute - unthinking creature
incumbent - resting; lying
remnant - tiny bit left
succumbed - gave in; fell victim to
intimates - people one shares private thoughts and feelings with
ungovernable - unable to be controlled
compelled - forced
exasperated - made angry
hitherto - before now
stayed - stopped; prevented by yourself
arrested - stopped; prevented by someone else
Goaded - pushed; teased
deliberation - here, specific purposefullness
minute (my-newt) - tiny
deliberated - thought about
porter - a person who moves boxes and packages for money
expedient - efficient or quick way of getting something done
procured - gotten
forebore - refused
bosom - breast; heart; chest

premises - building; location
inquiries - requests for information
felicity - happiness
inscrutability - so difficult to see as to be beyond the ability to be noticed
bade - requested; required
allayed - removed
rabid - crazy; thoughtless
frenzy - craziness
bravado - showy courageousness
Arch-Fiend - the Devil
reverberation - echo
anomalous - unlike anything else
conjointly - in conjunction with; produced by working together
exult - revel; enjoy greatly
folly - silliness; ridiculous
swooning - getting dizzy through sudden loss of blood to the head
stout - strong
bodily - as a giant piece
seduced - lured; tricked
consigned - given possession of something to someone new

felicity - happiness