

## Vocab 11

aberration n. Deviation from a right, customary, or prescribed course.

impugn v. To assail with arguments, insinuations, or accusations.

veracity n. Truthfulness.

mausoleum n. A tomb of more than ordinary size or architectural pretensions.

negation n. The act of denying or of asserting the falsity of a proposition.

esthetic adj. Pertaining to beauty, taste, or the fine arts.

elocution n. The art of correct intonation, inflection, and gesture in public speaking or reading.

equivocate v. To use words of double meaning.

quandary n. A puzzling predicament.

quiescent adj. Being in a state of repose or inaction.

utilitarianism n. The ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or of beneficial tendency.

vacillate v. To waver.

zealot n. One who espouses a cause or pursues an object in an immoderately partisan manner.

opprobrium n. The state of being scornfully reproached or accused of evil.

moratorium n. An emergency legislation authorizing a government suspend some action temporarily.