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*Things Fall Apart*

Vocabulary List #1 and #2

1. amorous (adj.)—expressing love or the state of being in love
2. improvident (4) (adj.)—neglecting to provide for future needs
3. plaintive (6) (adj.)—expressing sorrow or melancholy; mournful
4. incipient (13) (adj.)—beginning to exist or appear
5. valediction (32) (n.)—a speech of farewell
6. exorbitant (adj.)—exceeding normal bounds; greater or more than seems reasonable
7. poignant (34) (adj.)—keenly distressing to the feelings
8. reveled (38) (v.)—to take great pleasure or delight
9. feign (52) (v.)—to pretend or fake
10. harbinger (56) (n.)—a forerunner; something that comes before
11. elusive (59) (adj.)—hard to grasp, express, or define; evasive
12. moribund (adj.)—close to death; in a dying state
13. motif (n.)—a theme or design in a work of art or literature that is developed or repeated
14. wont (79) (adj.)—accustomed to, used to; (n)—custom, habit, practice
15. sumptuous (adj.)—extravagantly expensive or costly; luxurious
16. rebuke (76) – (verb) to express sharp, stern disapproval of someone; (noun) a reprimand or scolding
17. devoid (77) – (adj) not possessing, untouched by, void, or destitute; (verb) to deplete of some quality or substance
18. elude (77) – (verb) to escape or avoid by trickery or cleverness; to escape the understanding, perception, or appreciation of
19. ailing (79) – (adj) unwell, sickly, or unsuccessful; (verb) to cause pain, uneasiness, or trouble to; to be unwell, feel pain, be ill
20. communal (87) – (adj) used or shared in common by everyone in a group; belonging or relating to the people of a community as a whole; involving two or more communities
21. esoteric – (adj) understood by or meant for only the select few who have special knowledge or interest; private, secret, or confidential
22. approbation – (noun) official recognition or approval; commendation, praise
23. sinister- (adj) threatening or portending evil, harm, or trouble; unfortunate, disastrous, unfavorable; evil or wicked
24. expedient – (adj) Convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) A means of attaining an end, esp. one that is convenient but may be considered improper or immoral
25. abomination – (noun) a person or thing that that is greatly disliked or abhorred; a vile, shameful, or detestable action, condition, habit; intense loathing
26. ostracize – (verb) to exclude or banish from society
27. malevolence (79) – (adj) wishing evil to others; ill will, malice, hatred
28. dogma – (noun) a belief, principle, or doctrine, or a code of beliefs, principles or doctrines; a religious doctrine proclaimed by authority as true
29. impart – (verb) to give, bestow, or communicate; to grant a part or share of
30. concede – (verb) to admit or acknowledge (something) as true or correct; to grant or yield a right or privilege; to admit as certain in outcome