Unit 7 Vocabulary (previously Unit 13)

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Abet *(trans. verb)* : to aid, help, further

Aver *(trans. verb)*: to assert, avouch, asseverate

Blatant *(adj.)*: obvious or conspicuous, especially in an unfavorable sense

Broach *(verb)*: to bring up or begin to talk about (a subject)

Buttress *(verb)* : to support, prop up, strengthen

Carousal: noisy revelry or merrymaking (often with a suggestion of heavy drinking)

Collate: to arrange in order for some specific purpose

Connoisseur: an expert

Disconsolate: without hope, beyond consolation

Encumber: to weigh down or burden (with difficulties, cares, debt, etc.)

Foment: to promote trouble or rebellion

Grisly: frightful, horrible, ghastly

Herculean: characterized by great strength

Impassive: showing no feeling or emotion

Inauspicious: unpromising, unpropitious

Incontrovertible: unquestionable, beyond dispute

Nonplussed: puzzled, not knowing what to do, at a loss

Opportune: occurring at an appropriate time

Prolific: abundant, profuse

Rejoinder: a retort, answer, response