**Unit 1 Vocabulary List: Spring 2014**

1. austere (*adj)*: without adornment or luxury, simple, plain

2. beneficent (*adj)*: performing acts of kindness or charity

3. cadaverous (*adj)*: pale, gaunt, resembling a corpse

4. concoct *(v.)*: to devise, invent, fabricate

5. crass *(adj.)*: coarse, unfeeling

6. Debase *(v.)*: to lower in character/ quality/value

7. Desecrate *(v.)*: to contaminate, pollute

8. Disconcert *(v.)*: to confuse, to unsettle

9. Grandiose *(adj.)*: impressive or stately

10. Inconsequential *(adj.)*: trivial, petty

11. Infraction: *(n.)* a violation, transgression

12. Mitigate: *(v.)* to lessen, relieve

13. Pillage: *(v.)* the act of looting

14. Prate:*(v.)* to chatter, prattle, babble

15. Punctilious: *(adj.)* precise, scrupulous, fussy

16. Redoubtable:*(adj.)* inspiring fear or awe

17. Reprove:*(v.)* to find fault with, scold

18. Restitution: *(n.)*the act of restoring to the rightful owner or to a former state

19.Stalwart: *(adj.)* brave

20. Vulnerable: *(adj).*capable of being wounded