*To Kill A Mockingbird*

Unit #1 Vocabulary Spring 2013

**The following is the quiz format for your vocabulary quizzes:**

**Directions: For each of the following words, spell, define, and use each of them properly in a sentence. (Pay attention to the part of speech!)**

**Word:**

**Definition:**

**Sentence:**

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1. strictures (n.): conditions or rules

2. taciturn (adj.): (of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little.

3. devoid (adj and verb.): being without a usual, typical, or expected quality of accompaniment

4. cantankerous (adj.): difficult or irritating to deal with

5. contentious (adj.): inclined to quarrels and disputes often over unimportant matters

6. dogged (adj.): stubborn determination

7. sulky (adj.) bad-tempered and resentful; refusing to be cooperative or cheerful

8. subpoena (n.) : a written legal order directing a person to appear in court to give testimony

9. prerogative (n.): exclusive right or privilege

10. ominous (adj.): giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening; inauspicious

11. facade (n.): an outward appearance that is maintained to conceal a less pleasant or creditable reality

12. eddy (n.): a current of water that moves against the main current; a whirlpool

13. gravely (adv.): seriously

14. idiom (n.): a language, dialect, or style of speaking peculiar to a people.

15. bias (n.): A preference or an inclination, especially one that inhibits impartial judgment.

16. fractious (adj.): mean or cross

17. onslaught (n.): a violent attack

18. tranquility (n.): peacefulness; serenity

19. compromise (n.): an agreement where each person agrees to give up something

20. asinine (adj.): stupid; silly