Unit 3 Vocabulary List Spring 2014

1. **abate: to make less in amount, degree, etc.**
2. **adulation: praise or flattery that is excessive**
3. **anathema: an object of intense dislike**
4. **astute: shrewd, crafty, showing practical wisdom**
5. **avarice: a greedy desire, particularly for wealth**
6. **culpable: deserving blame, worthy of condemnation**
7. **dilatory: not on time, not prompt**
8. **egregious: conspicuous, standing out from the mass (used particularly in an unfavorable sense)**
9. **equivocate: to be deliberately vague or ambiguous**
10. **evanescent: light and airy**
11. **irresolute: unable to make up one’s mind, hesitating**
12. **nebulous: vague, confused, indistinct**
13. **novice: one who is just a beginner at some activity requiring skill and experience**
14. **penury: extreme poverty**
15. **pretentious: done for show, striving to make a big impression**
16. **recapitulate: to sum up**
17. **resuscitate: to revitalize, restore**
18. **slovenly: untidy, dirty, careless**
19. **supposition: an assumption, hypothesis**
20. **torpid: lethargic, languid**