AP Vocab Unit 3

1. Halcyon (adj) – of or relating to calm, happy, peaceful, affluent
2. Inure (v) – to render used by long subjection or exposure or to toughen or harden
3. Nadir (n) – the lowest point
4. Tantamount (adj) – equivalent; having the same effect
5. Abstruse (adj) – extremely difficult to understand
6. Canard (n) – a false rumor or fabricated story
7. Moribund (adj) – dying; on the way out
8. Ghoulish (adj) – revolting in an unnatural or morbid way
9. Ephemeral (adj) – lasting only a short time or short-lived
10. Saturnine (adj) – of a gloomy or surly disposition; cold and sluggish in mood
11. Bastion (n) – fortified place or stronghold
12. Engender (v) – to bring into existence, give rise to or produce
13. Acquisitive (adj) – able to get and retain ideas
14. Dissemble (v) – to disguise or conceal
15. Plaintive (adj) – expressive of sorrow or woe
16. Importune (v) – to trouble with demands or beg for incessantly
17. Laconic (adj) – concise, using few words
18. Diatribe (n) – a bitter and prolonged verbal attack
19. Cabal (n) – a small group working in secret
20. Chicanery (n) – trickery, deceptive practices, double-dealing