

***William Wilson Vocabulary***

**Turpitude** – wickedness, baseness

**Epoch** – distinctive period of time

**Elah-Gabalus** – Roman emperor 218-222 – Indulged in extreme debauchery

**Sublunary** – on this earthy (under the moon)

**Draconian** – severe

**Paradox** – contradictory statement that has the essence of truth

**Parterre** – Garden construction

**Peine forte et dure** – (French) Hard and forceful punishment

**Venerable** – Respected

**Lustrum** – Period of 5 years. Roman history – purification period

**Outre** – bizarre

**Phantasmagoric** – Like something from a dream or imagination

**Carthaginian** – From city Carthage in N Africa, destroyed in 146 bc

**Appellation** – Name or title

**Despotism** – king/ruler

**Le bon temps, que ce siecle de fer!** – The happy days in this century of iron!

**Ardor** – passion

**Pique** – to wound

**Motley** – (insulting) varied, diverse

**Petulant** – showing irritaion

**Anomalous** – unusual

**Patronymic** – Name taken from the father

**Plebeian praenomen** – common first name

**Gait** – manner of walking

**Patronage** – Condescension

**Countenance** – Appearance, face

**Profligacy** – shamelessness

**Admonition** – gentle telling-off

**Haughtiest** – snobbish

**Altercation** – Clash, disagreement

**Dissolute** – lacking in morals

**Parvenu** – person who has recently acquired wealth

Make notes regarding illusion vs reality and imagination