

# American Lit

## Vocab

1. haggle - an instance of intense argument (as in bargaining)
2. slough - a hollow filled with mud
3. cooper - a craftsman who makes or repairs wooden barrels or tubs
4. delirium - a usually brief state of excitement & mental confusion
5. contrive - make or work out a plan
6. forlorn - marked by or showing hopelessness
7. pluck - the trait of showing courage & determination
8. meek - humble in spirit or manner
9. blithesome - carefree & happy & lighthearted
10. contented - satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are.

Towhead - sandbar or small island of silt  
effusions - an act of talking or writing in an unrestrained or heart felt way.

Pensive - Engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought.

Carot - Jump or dance around excitedly

Galluses - Suspenders for trousers

Mesmerism - The therapeutic system of F.A. Mesmer.  
Hypnotism

Phrenology - The study of the shape + size of the cranium as a indication of character + mental abilities

Soliloquy - an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers.

Blackguarding - Abuse or disparage someone scurrilously

Warbling - To sing in a trilling or quavering voice.

1. audacious - unrestrained by convention of propriety
2. benefactor - a person who helps people
3. bluff - a high steep bank
4. ell - an outmoded unit of length equivalent to 45 in
5. hogshead
6. nabob
7. pane
8. quarry
9. yawl
10. sack dolager

Contrive - create

Senechal - governor

vassal - a holder of land

Pewter - a gray alloy of tin

smouch - steal

counterpin

tallow

whelp

sluice

shirk

passel

dismal

fraudulent

cavort

staving

obsequies

recollected

pluck

berth

1. raspy

2. haggle

3. rummage

4. welt

5. creak

6. muddle

7. loll

8. cooper

9. delirium

10. abreast