**Honors English Vocabulary Unit 1 Word List**

Directions: With your flashcards, copy down the root word and the vocabulary word (on side 1), and copy down the part of speech, the definition, and the word’s use in a sentence (on side 2). Be sure to list other synonyms, antonyms, and or related words that might appear beneath the word used in the sentence.

**HUMANUS (1st root word) “human being”**

1. **Humane**

adj. Having the worthy qualities of human beings, such as kindness or compassion.

The International Labor Organization helps to ensure humane conditions in the workplace.

Humaneness, n.; Inhumane: Antonym

1. **Humanism**

n. a philosophy in which interests and values of human beings are of primary importance.

*The development of* ***humanism*** *in the sixteenth century changed the focus of English education from theological speculation to human achievements.*

Humanist, n.; Humanistic, adj.

1. **Humanities**

n. Branches of knowledge concerned with human beings and their culture: philosophy, literature, and the fine arts, as distinguished from the sciences.

*Although most of her college courses were in the* ***humanities****, she did graduate work in electrical engineering.*

**ANTHROPOS (2nd root word) “human being,” “man”**

1. **Anthropology**

n. The scientific study of the origins, cultural development, and customs of human beings.

*Fragments of a human skeleton found in an Iron Age cave led to important discoveries in* ***anthropology****.*

anthropological, adj; anthropologist, n.

1. **Misanthrope**

n. A person who hates all people.

*In Charles Dickens’s Great Expectations, Miss Havisham becomes a bitter* ***misanthrope*** *after being jilted on her wedding day.*

Misanthropic, adj: misanthropy, n.

**HOMI-, HOMIN- (3rd root word) “human being”**

1. **Homicide**

n. The killing of one person by another; a person who kills another.

*In Arsenic and Old Lace two elderly sisters commit* ***homicide*** *by putting arsenic in elderberry wine.*

Homicidal, adj.

**VIR (4th root word) “man”**

1. **Virile**

Adj. Having certain characteristics traditionally associated with masculinity, especially physical strength, vitality, and assertiveness.

*The main characters of Ernest Hemingway’s novels are often* ***virile*** *men who risk danger in war or sport.*

Virility, n.

**GYNE (5th root word) “man”**

1. **Gynecology**

n. The branch of medicine dealing with disorders and treatment of reproductive system in women.

***Gynecology*** *is a promising field for medical students who are especially interested in women’s health.*

Gynecological, adj.

**FEMINA (6th root word) “woman”**

1. **Feminism**

n. The belief that women should possess the same political and economic rights as men.

*The union president’s* ***feminism*** *led him to demand equal pay for women who perform the same jobs as men.*

Feministic, adj.

1. Feminist

n. a Supporter of women’s claims to the same rights and treatment as men.

***Feminists*** *argued that the Equal Rights Amendment should be added to the U.S. Constitution.*

**AUTOS (7th root word) “self”**

1. Autocrat

n. 1. a ruler who has absolute or unlimited power; a despot.

*Elizabeth II cannot become* ***an autocrat*** *like her ancestor Elizabeth I because today the monarch’s power is limited by Parliament.*

2. Any arrogant, dominating person.

*As company director she became an* ***autocrat****, making all decisions without taking advice.*

Autocratic, adj; autocracy n.

1. Automaton

n. a person who behaves in a mechanical, routine manner; a robot.

*Her job on the assembly line caused her to feel like an* ***automaton****.*

1. Autonomy

n. The condition of being self-governing; independence.

*Kenyans fought* for ***autonomy*** *from British rule, and Kenya became a republic in 1964.*

Autonomous, adj*.*

1. Autopsy

n. The examination of a corpse to determine the cause of death.

*An* ***autopsy*** *of the mummy revealed that the Pharaoh had died of lead poisoning.*

Autopsic, adj.; autopsical, adj; autopsies, n.

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1. Egoism

n. conceit; valuing everything according to one’s personal interest; excessive confidence in one’s own opinion.

*Cleopatra’s* ***egoism*** *may have resulted from her power, ability, and charm.*

Egoist, n.; egotistical, adj.