*The Tell-Tale Heart* Vocabulary List

1. Acute (adj) highly sensitive or pointed, focused, sharp

2. Foresight (n) the ability to envision possible future solutions or problems

3. Profound (adj) deep, meaningful, significant

4. Sagacity (n) knowledge, profound understanding, good judgment

5. Suppositions (n) assumptions, good guesses but unproven

6. Vehemently (adv) done with or showing great feeling, vigor, whole-heartedness

7. Stealthily (adv) done in an undetectable, sneaky manner

8. Audacity (n) shocking boldness, uninhibited, daring disregard

9. Definitiveness (n) clarity, certainty, precision, exactness

10. Trifles (n) insignificant, unimportant items, words, details

11. Gesticulations (n) expressive movements of hands and/or arms

12. Mockery (n) speech/behavior used to make someone look silly, to imitate

13. Dissemble (v) to put on false appearance, to hide feelings or intentions

14. Vexed (v) frustrated, irritated, annoyed, especially by little things

15. Cunningly (adv) done in clever, skillful and perhaps deceptive manner

16. Conceived (v) to form an idea in one’s mind

17. Mortal (adj) subject to death, pertaining to one’s inevitable death

18. Waned (v) decreasing size of the moon or overall lessening of a condition

19. Suavity (n) quality of being smooth, refined in manner

20. Hypocritical (adj) pretending to have virtues or principles, but not actually having them