Vocabulary 4

Amnesty—pardon for past offense

Apathy—lack of interest and enthusiasm

Astute—shrewd; keen in judgment

Audacious—bold and daring

Bravado—false courage or bravery

Capricious—unpredictable; making sudden changes

Carnage—the savage killing of many people

Conciliatory—making peace

Contemptible—deserving of scorn

Denounce—to strongly criticize or accuse publicly

Dour—gloomy, stern

Eccentric—unconventional or strange

Effusive—uttered with unrestrained enthusiasm

Elusive—difficult to get hold of

Enigma—a mystery

Equanimity—composure; calm

Explicit—to make plain or clear

Impetuous—impulsive; extremely impatient

Impudent—not showing due respect for another person

Inane—lacking substance, perhaps silly

Incredulous—unbelieving

Innate—existing since birth; inborn

Insinuation—hint, subtle suggestion

Jovial—cheerful and friendly

Largess—generosity; kindness

Ludicrous—silly, irrational

Malicious— intending or intended to do harm

Obstinate—stubbornly unyielding to the wishes of others

Opulent—wealthy, lavish

Ostentatious—excessively conspicuous; showing off

Pariah—an outcast

Peremptory—putting an end to all debate or action

Precursors—forerunners or predecessor

Prosaic—dull, unimaginative

Prudent—sensible and careful

Reprobate—a person without moral scruples

Seething—filled with intense but unexpressed anger

Semblance—the outward appearance or apparent form of something, esp. when reality is different

Zeal—active interest and enthusiasm