

Providence Extension Program | Core C American Literature
Q4 W1 Weekly Assignment Guide (3/22, 3/24)

WOW: Word(s) Of the Week

Review these words from Q3 for a vocab quiz to start Q4!

punctilious

adjective | pun•til•i•ous (punk-TILL-ee-us)
marked by or concerned about precise accordance with the details of codes or conventions
Miss Ophelia's northern upbringing made her *punctilious* about how a kitchen should be run.

assiduous

adj | as•sid•u•ous (uh-SID-you-us)
showing great care, attention, and effort
He was an *assiduous* caretaker of his master.

malleable

adjective | mal•e•able (MAL-ee-uh-bull)
able to adjust to changing circumstances; adaptable
Learning a second language as a child is much easier due to the brain's *malleable* abilities.

insuperable

adj | in•sup•er•able (in-SOUP-er-uh-bull)
impossible to overcome; insurmountable
Compromise became an *insuperable* obstacle for the political opponents.

brevity

noun | brev•i•ty (BREV-ih-tee)
briefness or conciseness in speech or writing
For the sake of *brevity*, choose your words with care.

succinct

adj | suc•cinct (suk-SINKT)
clearly and briefly stated; concise
Let me state this in the most *succinct* way possible:
"No late papers."

sagacious

adjective | sag•a•cious (suh-GAY-shus)
wise
His *sagacious* answer impressed his parents.

obtuse

adj | ob•tuse (ahb-TOOS)
stupid; not clear or precise
Are you being deliberately *obtuse*, or do you truly not understand the question?

discerning

adj | dis•cern•ing (dis SERN ing)
showing insight and understanding
Students should strive to be *discerning* readers of online media.

incessantly

adverb | in•ces•sant•ly (in-CESS-unt-lee)
in an unceasing manner; without interruption or relief; continually
The children wore out their mother's patience by *incessantly* talking.

supercilious

adj | sup•er•cil•i•ous (soup-er-SILL-ee-us)
feeling or showing haughty disdain
The politician acted in a *supercilious* manner toward the voters of the opposite party.

diverge

verb | di•verge (duh-VERJ)
to move or extend in different directions from a common point
After high school, the metaphorical paths of the students will *diverge* greatly.

refractory

adj | re•frac•to•ry (ruh-FRAK-tor-ee)
resisting control or authority
Eliot paints camels as *refractory* animals.

Due Tuesday 3/22:

- **Vocab Quiz on Q3 WOW words above**
- **Read F. Scott Fitzgerald's "A Diamond as Big as the Ritz"—found on Weebly PRINT, read, annotate, and bring to class (I reserve the right to check your annotations!)**
You must have pages 1 – 15 read for Tuesday, the remainder for Thursday

Due Thursday 3/24:

- **Finish reading and annotating "A Diamond as Big as the Ritz," bring to class**