Unit 8 Vocab Words

1. **Allege**: (v) to assert without proof or confirmation\
2. **Arrant**: (adj) thoroughgoing, out-and-out; shameless, blatant
3. **Badinage**: (n) light and playful conversation
4. **Conciliate**: (v) to overcome the distrust of, win over; to appease, pacify, to reconcile, make consistent
5. **Countermand**: (v) to cancel or reverse one order or command with another that is contrary to the first
6. **Echelon**: (n) one of a series of grades in an organization or field of activity; an organized military unit; a step-like formation or arrangement
7. **Exacerbate**: (v) to make more violent, severe, bitter, or painful
8. **Fatuous**: (adj) stupid or foolish in a self-satisfied way
9. **Irrefutable**: (adj) impossible to disprove; beyond argument
10. **Juggernaut**: (n) a massive and inescapable force or object that crushes whatever is in its path
11. **Lackadaisical**: (adj) lacking spirit or interest, halfhearted
12. **Litany**: (n) a prayer consisting of short appeals to God recited by the leader alternating with responses from the congregation; any repetitive chant; a long list
13. **Macabre**: (adj) grisly, gruesome; horrible, distressing; having death as a subject
14. **Paucity**: (n) an inadequate quantity, scarcity, death
15. **Portend**: (v) to indicate beforehand that something is about to happen, to give advance warning of
16. **Raze**: (v) to tear down, destroy completely; to cut or scrape off or out
17. **Recant**: (v) to withdraw a statement or belief to which one has previously been committed, renounce, retract
18. **Saturate**: (v) to soak thoroughly, fill to capacity; to satisfy fully
19. **Saturnine**: (adj) of a gloomy or surly disposition; cold or sluggish in mood
20. **Slough**: (v.) to cast off, discard; to get rid of something objectionable or unnecessary; to plod through as through mud; (n) a mire; a state of depression