Vocab Unit 9

1. **abate**: v. to make less in amount, degree, etc.; to subside, become less; to nullify; to deduct, omit

2. **adulation**: n. praise or flattery that is excessive

3. **anathema**: n. an object of intense dislike; a curse or strong denunciation

4. **avarice**: n. a greedy desire, particularly for wealth

5. **culpable**: adj. deserving blame, worthy of condemnation

6. **egregious**: adj. conspicuous, standing out from the mass (usually used in an unfavorable way)

7. **equivocate**: v to speak or act in a way that allows for more than one interpretation; to be deliberately vague or ambiguous

8. **evanescent**: adj. vanishing, soon passing away; light and airy

9. **novice**: n. one who is just a beginner at some activity requiring skill and experience

10. **penury**: n. extreme poverty; barrenness, insufficiency

11. **pretentious**: adj. done for show, striving to make a big impression; claiming merit or position unjustifiably; making

demands on one’s skill or abilities; ambitious

12. **recapitulate**: v. to review a series of facts; to sum up

13. **resuscitate**: v to revive, bring back to consciousness or existence

14. **slovenly**: adj. untidy, dirty, careless

15. **supposition**: n. something that is assumed or taken for granted without conclusive evidence