

VOCABULARY WEEK 4

1. Alacrity (<i>n</i>)	Cheerful willingness, eagerness; speed
2. Banal (<i>adj</i>)	Trite, overly common
3. Catharsis (<i>n</i>)	Purification, cleansing (esp. of emotions)
4. Decry (<i>v</i>)	to belittle; to openly condemn
5. Effusive (<i>adj</i>)	Expressing emotion without restraint
6. Erudite (<i>adj</i>)	Learned, scholarly
7. Fallow (<i>adj</i>)	Uncultivated, unused
8. Fecund (<i>adj</i>)	Fertile, fruitful, productive
9. Garrulous (<i>adj</i>)	Very talkative
10. Gibe (<i>v</i>)	to make heckling, taunting remarks
11. Incendiary (<i>adj</i>)	Combustible, flammable, burning easily
12. Lachrymose (<i>adj</i>)	tearful
13. Lionize (<i>v</i>)	to treat as a celebrity
14. Maudlin (<i>adj</i>)	Overly sentimental
15. Paucity (<i>n</i>)	Scarcity, lack