English 10
Vocab 18
ANNALS
(an ulz) n.
descriptive record; history
Link: HANDLES

“Putting HANDLES on the sculptured ANNALS.”

- The championship team of 1963 has gone down in the school’s ANNALS as the best team of the century.
- Books having to do with the history of something are often referred to as ANNALS.
- The ANNALS of history should teach us how to avoid war.
TOME
(tohm) n.
a large book
Link: HOME

“A bookworm’s HOME is a TOME.”

☐ The witch pulled a TOME from the shelf and began looking for a spell.

☐ Thank goodness encyclopedias are now on CD-rom so we don’t have to find room for all those TOMES in our house.

☐ The professor carried the Shakespearean TOME as if it were a Bible.
CATARACT
(KAT ah rakt) n.
a large waterfall; a deluge;
an eye abnormality
Link: CADILLAC

"John preferred going over the CATARACT in his CADILLAC."

- Niagara Falls is probably the most well-known CATARACT in North America.
- The storm flooded the town with a CATARACT of rain.
- The old dog developed cloudy CATARACTS on both his eyes.
**BOOTY**

(BOO tee) *n.*

loot; the spoils of war; goods or property seized by force; a valuable prize

Link: **BOOTS**

"Tex keeps his BOOTY in his BOOTS."

- Some servicemen during World War II felt they were entitled to all the BOOTY they could capture.
- Pirates kept their BOOTY in chests which they sometimes buried.
- The burglars were apprehended before they could make off with the BOOTY.
ANIMATED
(an eh MATE ed) adj.
having life; alive; filled with activity, vigor, or spirit
Link: ANNA MADE IT

"ANNA became ANIMATED when she finally MADE IT."

- Bill was an ANIMATED speaker on any subject that interested him.
- Liz played the violin with intense ANIMATION.
- Tina became highly ANIMATED when she heard she was voted the "most likely to succeed."
JETSAM
(JET sem) n.
cargo or equipment thrown overboard to lighten an imperiled vessel; discarded odds and ends
Link: JETS

“The JETS became JETSAM.”

- Because we were overloaded, we had to dump some of our JETSAM in order not to sink.
- Jessica found a piece of blue glass on the water’s edge, but her father explained it was merely JETSAM.
- After a storm, JETSAM is often discovered on the beach.
PORTAL
(POR tul) n.
an entrance, door or gate
Link: Porthole

“A Porthole Portal.”

☐ As we stepped through the Portal of the Sistine Chapel, everyone was awestruck.

☐ Dante writes about the Portals of death in his The Divine Comedy.

☐ The space travelers stepped through the Portal into another dimension.
THRONG
(throng) n.
a large group of people gathered
closely together
Link: SONG

“The THRONG broke into SONG.”

☐ When the Pope visited the United States, an
  admiring THRONG gathered at every major city.

☐ THRONGS of revelers gather at Times Square in
  New York City on New Year’s Eve.

☐ The assassins THRONGED around Caesar before
  they murdered him.
**BARRAGE**
(bah RAHZH) *n.*
a curtain of artillery fire; any overwhelming attack, as of words or blows
Link: GARAGE

"Our GARAGE was BARRAGED with eggs on Halloween."

- When Maria walked in the sorority house after her date, she was BARRAGED with questions.
- The attempt to attack was met by a BARRAGE of gunfire.
- The boxer backed his opponent into the corner and BARRAGED him with punches.
ELITE
(i LEET) n.
the best or most skilled
members of a group
Link: FEET

“The ELITE wine makers have big FEET.”

- Members of the school’s academic teams are among the educational ELITE.
- The city was defended by an ELITE corps of soldiers.
- An ELITIST is a snob; to be ELITIST is to be snobby.
Quiz Today
Study Now!
REVIEW #18: Match the word with its definition.

1. annals – (handles)  
   a. an entrance, door or gate
2. tome – (home)  
   b. having life, vigor
3. cataract – (Cadillac)  
   c. a large book
4. booty – (boots)  
   d. a curtain of artillery fire
5. animated – (Anna made it)  
   e. a large waterfall
6. jetsam – (jets)  
   f. objects thrown overboard
7. portal – (port hole)  
   g. history
8. throng – (song)  
   h. the best of a group
9. barrage – (garage)  
   i. loot; property seized
10. elite – (feet)  
    j. a large group

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

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