

Romantic Literature Vocab Set 2 Wordsworth , Byron, Shelley

beauteous (byo—o' te əs) *adj.*, beautiful. *Nothing matches the beauteous glow of the aurora borealis.*

cavern (kav' ərn) *n.*, cave. *Mammoth Cave, an underground cavern in Kentucky, has over three hundred miles of passageways.*

chasm (kaz' əm) *n.*, a crack in the surface of the earth. *Chasms spread like veins across the canyon's parched floor.*

circumscribe (s_r 'kəm scr_ b) *vt.*, constrict, enclose. *A rustic stone fence circumscribes the farmer's land.*

corporeal (kôr pôr' e əl) *adj.*, of a bodily or physical nature. *According to legend, the strange female figure that appears outside the cemetery is not a corporeal being, but a spirit or phantom.*

exhortation (e_ 'zôr ta' shən) *n.*, strong urging. *The speaker's exhortations convinced me to join the cause.*

impetuous (im pech' o_ əs) *adj.*, acting on impulse. *Although I prefer not to plan things, my impetuous actions sometimes get me into trouble.*

pestilence (pes 'tə ləns) *n.*, virulent or infectious disease of epidemic proportions. *In the Middle Ages, the Black Plague and other pestilences ravaged Europe.*

prevail (pre_ va_ l') *vi.*, be victorious. *Did the school board prevail in its fight against the budget cuts?*

recompense (rek' əm pens) *n.*, repayment, reward. *The grateful parents gave recompense to the man who found their missing daughter.*

repose (ri po_ z') *vt.*, lie quietly, rest. *The artist's model reposes on a velvet sofa.*

sepulcher (sep' əl kər) *n.*, burial vault or tomb. *Mourners laid flowers at the sepulcher's entrance.*

serenely (sə re_ n' le_) *adv.*, peacefully. *The rowers glided serenely across the quiet lake.*

sublime (sə bl_ m') *adj.*, noble, majestic. *The painter captured perfectly the sublime expression on the emperor's face.*

tranquil (tran' kwil) *adj.*, peaceful, calm. *The siren pierced the tranquil, evening air.*

tumult (to—o' mult') *n.*, a loud commotion. *The tumult signaled the volcano's violent eruption.*

vagrant (va_ ' rənt) *adj.*, nomadic, wandering. *When she tired of her vagrant lifestyle, she settled down in the small town.*

visage (viz' ij) *n.*, a face. *The monarch's visage appears on British currency.*

zeal (ze_ l) *n.*, passion, fervor. *The conductor's creative zeal spread through the entire orchestra.*

zenith (ze_ 'nith) *n.*, the highest point in the sky. *At twelve noon the sun will be at its zenith.*