

The Cask of Amontillado

~~~~~

## VOCABULARY

|                                  |                                                                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>abscond</b> ( <i>v</i> )      | - to depart secretly; withdraw and hide oneself                               |
| <b>accost</b> ( <i>v</i> )       | - to approach and speak to boldly or aggressively, as with a demand           |
| <b>amontillado</b> ( <i>n</i> )  | - a wine from Spain; a pale kind of sherry                                    |
| <b>aperture</b> ( <i>n</i> )     | - opening; gap; slit                                                          |
| <b>avenge</b> ( <i>v</i> )       | - to get revenge; to punish an injuring party or wrongdoer                    |
| <b>avenger</b> ( <i>n</i> )      | - the person seeking revenge                                                  |
| <b>borne</b> ( <i>v</i> )        | - past tense of “bear”, which means to tolerate or carry                      |
| <b>cask</b> ( <i>n</i> )         | - a large wooden barrel, typically used for wine                              |
| <b>catacombs</b> ( <i>n</i> )    | - underground cemetery in tunnels with chambers or recesses for graves        |
| <b>circumscribe</b> ( <i>v</i> ) | - encircle; define the boundaries of                                          |
| <b>conical</b> ( <i>adj</i> )    | - shaped like a cone [: kegle]                                                |
| <b>connoisseur</b> ( <i>n</i> )  | - a person with expert knowledge or training, especially in the fine arts     |
| <b>fetter</b> ( <i>v</i> )       | - to restrict the freedom of with chains; ( <i>n</i> ) a chain for the ankles |
| <b>gait</b> ( <i>n</i> )         | - the speed or manner of moving on foot                                       |
| <b>gesticulate</b> ( <i>v</i> )  | - to make gestures, especially while speaking, for emphasis                   |
| <b>grotesque</b> ( <i>adj</i> )  | - abnormal and hideous; distorted and unnatural in shape or size              |
| <b>hearken</b> ( <i>v</i> )      | - to listen attentively                                                       |
| <b>immolation</b> ( <i>n</i> )   | - killing or offering as a sacrifice; to set oneself on fire                  |
| <b>implore</b> ( <i>v</i> )      | - to beg for urgently; beseech                                                |
| <b>imposture</b> ( <i>n</i> )    | - tricking people deliberately by pretending to be somebody else              |
| <b>impunity</b> ( <i>n</i> )     | - freedom from punishment, harm or loss                                       |
| <b>motley</b> ( <i>adj</i> )     | - consisting of many different colours or types                               |
| <b>orb</b> ( <i>n</i> )          | - a sphere or spherical object                                                |
| <b>preclude</b> ( <i>v</i> )     | - to prevent; to hinder, block or impede                                      |
| <b>quack</b> ( <i>n</i> )        | - quack doctor; a person who claims to have medical knowledge                 |
| <b>recoil</b> ( <i>v</i> )       | - to shrink back, as in fear or extreme dislike; to react with strong dislike |
| <b>redress</b> ( <i>v</i> )      | - to make right; to remedy or rectify; to make amends for                     |
| <b>repose</b> ( <i>n</i> )       | - the act of resting or the state of being at rest                            |
| <b>resolve</b> ( <i>v</i> )      | - to find an acceptable solution; to settle                                   |
| <b>retribution</b> ( <i>n</i> )  | - punishment imposed on a wrongdoer for repayment or revenge                  |
| <b>rheum</b> ( <i>n</i> )        | - a watery or thin mucous discharge from the eyes or nose                     |
| <b>trowel</b> ( <i>n</i> )       | - tool with a flat, pointed blade used to level or spread cement or mortar    |
| <b>utterance</b> ( <i>n</i> )    | - something that you say                                                      |
| <b>venture upon</b> ( <i>v</i> ) | - to engage in, to attempt                                                    |
| <b>vow</b> ( <i>n</i> )          | - a formal and serious promise                                                |
| <b>wont</b> ( <i>n</i> )         | - a habit, something a person often does                                      |