**Anthem Vocabulary List**

**Directions:** For each of the words below, rewrite the definition in your own words. Then, find a synonym, different from your definition.

1. Ailment (n) physical disorder or illness, esp. of a chronic nature
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
2. Atone (v) to make amends; apologize
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
3. Botch (v) to foul up hopelessly
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
4. Corruption (n) impairment of integrity, virtue, or moral principle
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
5. Creed (n) a set of fundamental beliefs
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
6. Defile (v) to make unclean or impure
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
7. Edict (n) a decree, order
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
8. Furrow (n) narrow trench like depressions in any surface; (v) to make a rut or trench
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
9. Heed (v) to pay attention to; take note of and consider
   1. Your definition:
   2. One synonym :
10. Impotent (adj) lacking in power, strength, or vigor
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
11. Lassitude (n) state or feeling of weariness or diminished energy
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
12. Loadstone (n) an iron-containing rock with magnetic properties
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
13. Mandate (n) authoritative command or instruction; (v) to make mandatory, as by law
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
14. Portal (n) doorway or entrance, especially an imposing one
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
15. Reverence (n) honor or respect felt or shown
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
16. Sage (adj) characterized by wisdom, prudence, and good judgment
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
17. Sanction (n) authoritative approval; (v) to give approval for
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
18. Tarry (v) to delay in coming or going; to linger
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
19. Transgression (n) violation of a law, command, etc.; sin
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
20. Vice (n) evil, degrading, or immoral practice or habit
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
21. Vindicate (v) to free from allegation or blame
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
22. Virtue (n) moral excellence; goodness
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
23. Vocation (n) particular occupation or profession
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :
24. Wretch (n) miserable, unfortunate, or unhappy person.
    1. Your definition:
    2. One synonym :

# *Anthem* Vocabulary Practice

**Part I.** Read the sentence and use the context clues to determine the meaning of the underlined word. Select the answer that best describes the meaning.

1. I will become an architect; I believe that is my true vocation.

a. Career b. Trench c. Sickness d. Mercy

1. Histransgression was unforgivable; I dumped the cheating jerk.

a. Car part b. Sin c. Trip d. Sickness

1. Although she needed to hear it, Haley refused to heed Daryl’s advice.

a. Run into b. Smell c. Warrant d. Listen to

1. Science advocates think the school should mandate that all students take chemistry.

a. Hand over b. Merit c. Discriminate d. Require

1. Some believe that no matter how sorry you are, you can never atone for killing another person.

a. Make up b. Repeat c. Forgive d. Instruct

1. My greatest virtue is my trustworthiness.

a. Calling b. Merit c. Mercy d. Sin

1. During flu season, everyone missed school because of the same ailment.

a. Sickness b. Bus c. Cab d. Warrant

1. The furrows in the old woman’s forehead were very deep.

a. Zits b. Grooves c. Holes d. Hairs

1. I try never to show any lassitude during soccer games; I play my hardest all 90 minutes.

a. Fatigue b. Value c. Hard work d. Help

1. Overall, Chris is a good person; his sole vice is gambling.

a. Quality b. Poor person c. Bad habit d. Requirement

1. I hope I am allowed through the portal to heaven, not shut out at the gates.

a. Smell b. Groove c. Entryway d. Hole

1. Only a wretch would enjoy watching my suffering.

a. Bird b. Player c. Frog d. Loser

**Part II.** Complete the sentence with the appropriate vocabulary word

1. He had made the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; he cheated on his wife with her sister!
2. Many religions teach that a person should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his sins by performing a special service to someone.
3. Mother had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Sean had to be home by 11 p.m.
4. Grandpa’s arthritis is the only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which causes him pain on a regular basis.
5. Neo stepped through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into a new world where nothing was the same.
6. The best way to plant a garden is to create a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where seeds can grow protected in the earth.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sat on the side of the street, huddled under newspaper trying to keep warm.
8. Some people have only one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but others have many such as gambling, drinking, and other destructive tendencies.
9. He hadn’t wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the warnings about snow, hoping that he would make it through Pennsylvania before the blizzard hit.
10. Anne was overwhelmed by \_\_\_\_\_\_; she was so tired that found herself unable to perform any of her necessary chores.
11. Even as a young child, Andrew knew that his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be that of a priest.
12. Although she had many, her greatest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was her sense of charity.

**Part III.** Answer each of the following questions in *complete sentences* using the vocabulary word in a way that demonstrates its meaning.

1. Can a person atone for killing another person?
2. What is your greatest virtue?

**Part IV.** Write about having a really bad day using 2 vocabulary words.

# *Anthem* Vocabulary Practice 2

**Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper!**

**Part I.** Read the sentence and use the context clues to determine the meaning of the underlined word. Select the answer that best describes the meaning.

1. My grandmother, with her wealth of knowledge and experience, is a sage woman.

a. Elderly b. Wise c. Cranky d. Merciful

1. You should neverdefile any group’s place of worship, no matter what you think about their religion.

a. Taint b. Smoke c. Trip d. Sicken

1. The emperor issued an edict that ordered all people who spoke German were to report to the army.

a. Permit b. Proclamation c. Guarantee d. Mission

1. You may live by a certain creed or doctrine because of your upbringing or experience.

a. Respect b. Requirement c. Belief d. Warrant

1. Politicians are often known for corruption, even though most public servants are upstanding citizens.

a. Respect b. Dishonesty c. Mercy d. Attitude

1. The school board will never sanction any religious club because of the separation of church and state.

a. Support b. Bust c. Proclaim d. Respect

1. The president is now impotent, unable to get things done since the opposing party rules the Congress.

a. Sweaty b. Contaminated c. Dead d. Helpless

1. You don’t want a doctor to botch your surgery.

a. Charge for b. Aid c. Permit d. Screw up

1. The evidence will vindicate me, backing up my story.

a. Justify b. Incarcerate c. Contaminate d. Require

1. It is impolite to tarry in the doorway.

a. Smell b. Spoil c. Linger d. Permit

1. You should show reverence to your parents and teachers.

a. Respect b. Attitude c. Justification d. Helplessness

1. The boy scout knew he could use the loadstone as a compass to find his way home

a. Magnetic rock b. Surly teenager c. Ant d. Radio

**Part II.** Complete the sentence with the appropriate vocabulary word

1. He didn’t want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the experiment, so he took his time and worked carefully to make sure everything was perfect.
2. Her \_\_\_\_\_\_ advice brought the couple happiness; they realized that it was smarter to work with each other than to work against each other.
3. People used to use a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to create early magnets.
4. The king issued the unfair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stating that no building be built taller than his palace.
5. If a building were built contrary to code, no inspector would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, and the building would have to be demolished for safety purposes.
6. Their mother had specifically told them not to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the way to the doctor; she needed the medicine right away.
7. The verdict helped to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his client, proving that he was not the one who murdered his wife.
8. The lived by a simple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; do unto others as you would have others do to you.
9. The president is owed proper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; even if you do not believe with his policies, he is still owed respect for his position.
10. The president was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the face of overwhelming opposition to his policies; no matter what he did, he would no longer have the power he once had.
11. No one wants to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a grave, in case the ghost of the dead person comes back to take revenge for the sullying of his final resting place.
12. The newly fired employees were the victims of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by their greedy bosses.

**Part III.** Address the following in complete sentences using the vocabulary word in a way that demonstrates its meaning.

1. Explain a time when you were vindicated.
2. Explain your most strongly held creed.