**Study Guide**

**Spelling/Vocabulary**

**Test on 3/26/20**

1. **serendipitous:** occurring or discovered by chance in a happy or beneficial way.
2. **exigency:** an urgent need or demand
3. **harbinger:** a person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another.
4. **despotic:** relating to one exercising power tyrannically: a person exercising absolute power in a brutal or oppressive way
5. **facetious:** joking or jesting often inappropriately
6. **appease:** pacify or placate by acceding to demands
7. **pejorative:** a word or phrase that has negative connotations
8. **desecrate:** to violate the sanctity of
9. **autocratic:** relating to a ruler who has absolute power.
10. **decimate:** kill, destroy, or remove a large percentage or part of
11. **lugubrious:** looking or sounding sad and dismal.
12. **engender:** to cause to exist or to develop
13. **pristine:** not spoiled, corrupted, or polluted
14. **periphery:** the outer limits or edge of an area or object.
15. **espouse:** adopt or support