

*How to Read Literature Like a Professor – Voc. List #2*

- 1) patois - the jargon or informal speech used by a particular social group
- 2) prudish - a person who is easily shocked by matters relating to sex or nudity.
- 3) primal - relating to an early stage in evolutionary development
- 4) conflate - combine (two or more texts, ideas, etc.) into one
- 5) divestiture - the action or process of selling off subsidiary business interests or investments
- 6) raiment - clothing
- 7) immersion - the action of immersing someone or something in a liquid
- 8) thematic - having or relating to subjects or a particular subject
- 9) ferocious - savagely fierce, cruel, or violent
- 10) fissure - a long, narrow opening made by cracking or splitting
- 11) incendiary - designed to cause fires
- 12) predilection - a preference or special liking for something
- 13) specificity - clearly defined or identified
- 14) nuance - a subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, or sound
- 15) elegy - a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead
- 16) derivative - imitative of the work of another person
- 17) anatomical - of or relating to bodily structure
- 18) misanthrope - a person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society.
- 19) haggard - looking exhausted and unwell
- 20) phenomena - a fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen