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Vocabulary Words 11 AP 11/15 From "A Modest Proposal"

1. Importuning—to make urgent or persistent
2. Proficiency—expertness or skill
3. Gibbet--a gallows with a projecting arm at the top, from which the bodies of criminals were formerly hung in chains and left suspended after execution.
4. Propagation—multiplication by natural reproduction
5. Inclemencies—severe, rough, and stormy
6. Sustenance-means of sustaining life; nourishment
7. Collateral—security pledged for a loan agreement
8. Encumbrance—a dependent person, burdensome; useless
9. Parsimony—cheap; thrifty; stinginess
10. Prodigious—wonderful or marvelous; extraordinary in size or amount
11. Censure—disapproval; blame; official reprimand
12. Digressed—to wander away from one’s path or direction.
13. Overture—the proposal or question submitted
14. Penitent—sorry for wrongdoing
15. Effectual—productive; efficient
16. Impetuous—impulsive; rash action;
17. Expedient—convenience; means to an end
18. Perverted—misdirected; corrupted
19. Posterity—generations to come; all of one’s descendants
20. Alacrity—promptness in responding; eagerness
21. Inherent—inborn; built-in; innate
22. Eradication—to completely destroy; obliteration
23. Insurrection—rebellion revolt