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Short Story Vocabulary List

Word	Part of Speech	Definition
1. vex	verb	to anger; to irritate; to agitate; to annoy
2. audacious	adj.	bold; daring; fearless
3. vehemently	adv.	having strong feelings caused by something; marked by strong, forceful energy
4. tumultuously	adv.	in a disorderly way; violent
5. resilient	adj.	recover from a setback; resume original shape
6. muse	verb	to ponder; to reflect
7. segregate	verb	to isolate; to separate; to set apart
8. ominous	adj.	threatening; evil omen
9. somber	adj.	dark; gloomy; dismal; sullen; serious; melancholy
10. habitual	adj.	regular; usual; given to a specific habit
11. stalwart	adj.	strong; sturdy; resolute
12. amiable	adj.	friendly and pleasant; likeable; good natured
13. compensation	noun	something given to make amends; payment for someone's work/time
14. liability	noun	a troublesome responsibility
15. talisman	noun	something thought to have magical powers; to bring good luck; to act a charm
16. apathy	noun	to lack interest; indifferent
17. presumptuous	adj.	overbearingly forward or overly confident; a "know - it-all"
18. enthralled	verb	captivated; spellbound

19. oppressive	adj.	harsh, tyrannical; uncomfortable; overpowering
20. omniscient	adj.	knowing everything
21. pseudonym	noun	a fictitious name, especially used by authors
22. aversion	noun	a strong dislike
23. thwart	verb	to prevent from happening
24. vengeance	noun	punishment inflicted on someone for a wrong committed; revenge
25. enumerate	verb	to count off one by one
26. valiant	adj.	brave; courageous
27. cower	verb	to crouch or huddle up from cold or fear; shrink; cringe
28. gait	noun	a manner of walking or running
29. pungent	adj.	sharp or acrid in taste or smell
30. famish	verb	to starve

