

Vocabulary for The Raven

ponder - reflect deeply on a subject

quaint - strange in an interesting or pleasing way

chamber - a room used primarily for sleeping

bleak - unpleasantly cold and damp

entreat - ask for or request earnestly

implore - beg or request earnestly and urgently

lattice - framework consisting of an ornamental wood or metal design

stately - refined or imposing in manner or appearance

yore - time long past

obeisance - bending the head or body to show respect

mien - a person's appearance or manner

bust - a sculpture of the head and shoulders of a person

beguile - influence by slyness

stern - serious and harsh in manner or behavior

decorum - propriety in manners and conduct

countenance - the appearance conveyed by a person's face

craven - an abject coward

ghastly - shockingly repellent; inspiring horror

ungainly - lacking grace in movement or posture

placid - not easily irritated

aptly - in a competent capable manner

burden - the central meaning or theme of a speech or literary work

dirge - a song or hymn of mourning as a memorial to a dead person

melancholy - grave or even gloomy in character

ominous - threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

gaunt - very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold

divine - perceive through some inexplicable perceptive powers

gloat - gaze at or think about something with self-satisfaction

seraph - an angel

respite - a relief from harm or discomfort

undaunted - unshaken in purpose

balm - an aromatic resinous substance used for healing and soothing

laden - burdened psychologically or mentally

pallid - deficient in color suggesting physical or emotional distress