

## Words used by NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

### Vocabulary Group 4

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**AMENABLE** (*adjective*) agreeable; obedient

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**ASCETIC** (*adjective*) hermit-like; (*noun*) a person who practices extreme self-denial

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**EXHORT** (*verb*) to urge strongly

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**FACULTY** (*noun*) ability; special skill; power of the mind

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**FEIGN** (*verb*) put on a false appearance of; pretend; invent falsely

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**IGNOMINY** (*noun*) extreme disgrace; shame

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**INFERNAL** (*adjective*) hellish; diabolical; extremely troublesome

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**MANIFEST** (*adjective*) easily perceived; obvious (*verb*) to show plainly

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**PEREMPTORY** (*adjective*) dictatorial; leaving no chance for refusal; decisive or final

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**PERVADE** (*verb*) to spread throughout

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### Vocabulary Group 5

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**SUPERFLUOUS** (*adjective*) unnecessary; redundant

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**INSIDIOUS** (*adjective*) producing harm in a sneaky, and often gradual, manner

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**ACUTE** (*adjective*) intense; extremely serious; intellectually sharp; perceptive

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**DEARTH** (*noun*) shortage; scarcity

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**EXTANT** (*adjective*) still in existence

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**EXIGENCY** (*noun*) an emergency; an urgent situation

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**PLACID** (*adjective*) peaceful; pleasantly calm

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**PROVIDENCE** (*noun*) divine direction; care or preparation in advance; foresight

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**SCRUPULOUS** (*adjective*) having strict concern for doing what is right; careful and precise

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**DECOROUS** (*adjective*) showing dignity and good taste

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### Vocabulary Group 6

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**ECCENTRIC** (*adjective*) a little kooky; peculiar; odd

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**ABSTRUSE** (*adjective*) hard to understand

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**ETHEREAL** (*adjective*) light and airy; heavenly; celestial

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**CONJECTURE** (*noun*) a guess based on insufficient proof (*verb*) to make a guess

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**PROLIFIC** (*adjective*) highly productive; very fruitful

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**DELETERIOUS** (*adjective*) harmful to health; destructive

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**ENIGMA** (*noun*) a mystery

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**LOQUACIOUS** (*adjective*) talkative; wordy

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**DENIZEN** (*noun*) inhabitant; a resident

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**MARTIAL** (*adjective*) warlike; having to do with combat

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