Hiroshima Vocabulary Chapter 2

Anguish- Be extremely distressed about something.

Apathetic- Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Atavistic- Relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral.

Breviary- A book containing prayers and hymns, to be recited by those in the Roman Catholic Church.

Cache- Store away in hiding or for future use.

Catechist- A teacher of the principles of Christian religion, especially one using a catechism.

Char- Partially burn (an object) so as to blacken its surface.

Conflagration- An extensive fire which destroys a great deal of land or property.

Convection- The transfer of heat by the circulation or movement of the heated parts of a liquid or gas.

Diminish- Make or become less.

Extricate- Free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty.

Fission- The action of dividing or splitting something into two or more parts.

Incapacitated- Deprived of strength or power; debilitated.

Ionization- The act or process of ionizing something: conversion of a substance into ions.

Maim- Wound or injure (someone) so that part of the body is permanently damaged.

Miasma- A highly unpleasant or unhealthy smell or vapor.

Nauseate- Make (someone) feel sick; affect with nausea.

Panorama- An unbroken view of the whole region surrounding an observer.

Paroxysm- A sudden attack or violent expression of a particular emotion or activity.

Phenomenon- A fact, occurrence, or circumstance observed or observable.

Prostrate- Lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downward.

Solicitous- Characterized by or showing interest or concern.

Tableau- A group of models or motionless figures representing a scene from a story or from history.

Vortex- A mass of whirling fluid or air, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind.