Hiroshima Vocabulary Chapter 4

Capricious- Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.

Caricature- Make a comically or grotesquely exaggerated representation of (someone or something).

Consecrate- Make or declare (something, typically a church) sacred.

Crux- The decisive or most important point at issue.

Decrepit- Old and in bad condition or poor health.

Destitute- Without money, food, a home, or possessions.

Diastase- An enzyme that breaks down starch into maltose, then dextrose, and is present in malt.

Emanation- Something that comes forth from a source; thing emitted.

Ethics- Moral principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity.

Façade- The front of a building.

Hemorrhage- An escape of blood from a ruptured blood vessel, especially when profuse.

Macabre- Disturbing and horrifying because of involvement with or depiction of death and injury.

Malaise- A general feeling of discomfort, illness, or uneasiness whose exact cause is difficult to identify.

Morbid- Of, relating to, or characteristic of disease.

Prognosis- A doctor's opinion about how someone will recover from an illness or injury.

Remnant- A small remaining quantity of something.

Retrospect- A survey or review of a past course of events or period of time.

Succumb- To be brought to an end (such as death) by the effect of destructive or disruptive forces.

Swathe- Wrap in several layers of fabric.

Talisman- An object held to act as a charm to avert evil and bring good fortune.

Tibia- The inner and typically larger of the two bones between the knee and the ankle.

Verdant- Green with growing plants.

Vitality- The state of being strong and active; energy.

Yen- The unit of currency that is used in Japan.