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### Vocabulary

**Accomplished** (hostess) – skillful, successful

**Acerbated** – irritated; to excite anger; enrage; to cause irritation

**Aggressions** – a forceful action or procedure (as an unprovoked attack) especially when intended to dominate or master; the practice of making attacks or violations, unprovoked by one country on another; hostile, injurious, or destructive behavior

**Amassing** – collecting, gathering, accumulating

**Anacostia** – river that flows through Washington, D.C.

**Astounded** – to fill with bewilderment or wonder; greatly surprised

**Bickering** – quarrelling; arguing

**Coerce** – to compel by force, intimidation, or authority

**Colonnade** – a series of columns placed the same distance

**Confluence** – area where two or more rivers come together

**Dais** – a raised platform

**Debris** – disregard items; rubbish; the remains of something broken down or destroyed

**Decorum** – an observance of orderliness; correctness

**Desecrate** – to violate something sacred or special

**Divine Providence** – the rule of God over events in people's lives and throughout history

**Egress** – the right to leave or go out; exit; emerge

**Elegant** – of a high grade or quality

**Embargo** – an order of a government prohibiting the departure of commercial ships from its ports

**Embellishment** – to add to; to adorn

**Embroided** – to throw into disorder or confusion; to involve in conflict or difficulties

**Encroachments** – deliberately taking liberties or rights of another; to advance beyond the usual or proper limits

**Epidemic** – affecting a large number of individuals within a population, community, or region at the same time

**Essence** – the most significant element, quality, or aspect of a thing or person

**Georgian** – an architectural style in most English-speaking countries between 1720 and 1840, named for the British Kings George I-IV, who reigned in continuous succession from August 1714 to June 1830

**Heralded** – proclaimed; greeted with enthusiasm; acknowledged

**Impressments** – the act of seizing sailors and others against their will for military service

**Innovative** – a new idea, method, or device; creative

**International** – of, relating to, or affecting two or more nations

**Levees** – a reception; an afternoon assembly

**Loggia** – porch; portico

**Major domo** – person in charge of a household; chief steward; butler

**Mandamus** – a writ or law issued by a superior court

**Millennium** – a period of 1000 years

**Monarchical** – pertaining to a government that is ruled by a sole and absolute ruler or sovereign such as a king

**Negotiate** – move around; to successfully travel along or over

**Oppressive** – unreasonably burdensome or severe; overwhelming or depressing to the spirit or senses

**Outbuildings** – buildings such as a stable or a woodshed separate from a main house

**Parochial** – of, or relating, to a parish as a unit of local government

**Patent** – granting the exclusive control and possession of a particular property

**Penmanship** – the art or practice of writing with a pen; quality or style of handwriting

**Potomac** – river that borders on Washington, D.C. and flows in counties in four states

**Preclude** – rule out in advance; to make impossible by necessary consequence; to close

**Preoccupied** – lost in thought; absorbed in some activity or event; already occupied

**Primitive** – of, or relating to, the earliest age or period; crude; self-taught

**Privies** – outdoor toilets

**Promenade** – a place for strolling; a leisurely walk or ride especially in a public place for pleasure or display

**Ratification** – to approve; to agree to

**Repaired** (to our home) – traveled to; went to

**Recollections** – the action or power of recalling to mind; telling about past events

**Reconvene** – to start again

**Rectified** – to correct; to set right

**Retaliate** – to repay (as an injury) in kind; to return like for like; to get revenge

**Retribution** – the receiving of a punishment; something given or exacted in revenge or punishment

**Rotunda** – a large round room; a large central area often covered with a dome

**Sanctuary** – a place of refuge and protection; a relaxing and peaceful place; a sacred place

**Schism** – division from; separation from

**Solidify** – to make secure; to become solid; to make firmly fixed

**Sophisticated** – having a refined knowledge of the ways of the world cultivated especially through wide experience; intellectually appealing

**Squelch** – to fall or stamp on so as to crush; to completely suppress

**Stature** – height

**Succumb** – to yield to superior strength or force or overpowering appeal or desire; to be brought to an end (as death) by the effect of destructive or disruptive forces

**Surveyed** – to determine the form, extent, and position of a tract of land by taking measurements

**Terraced** – a relatively level paved or planted area adjoining a building, often covered with a flat roof

**Thoroughfare** – a way or place for passage such as a street open at both ends or a main road

**Thwarted** – to run counter to; to oppose successfully; to defeat the hopes or aspirations; to frustrate efforts

**Uncheckered** – no problems or failures

**Unightly** – not pleasing to the eye