

## UNIT: Murder and Mayhem

### Vocabulary from *The Lust for Blood Excerpt*

1. vicarious	adj.	experienced or felt by watching or hearing about someone else rather than by doing something yourself.
2. demise	n.	the end of something; death
3. decipher	v.	to figure out the meaning of
4. indistinguishable	adj.	not able to be recognized as different
5. facet	n.	a particular aspect or feature of something.

### Vocabulary from "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe

6. acute	adj.	having or showing a perceptive understanding or insight.
7. profound	adj.	very great or intense; having or showing great knowledge or insight; very deep
8. crevice	n.	a narrow opening
9. vex	v.	to make someone feel annoyed, frustrated, or worried
10. audacity	n.	a willingness to take bold risks; rude or disrespectful behavior
11. repose	v.	to lie down in rest; to lay something to rest in or on
12. definitive	adj.	decided or settled in a final way; most nearly complete or accurate
13. vehemently	adv.	showing strong feelings; forceful, passionate, or intense
14. derision	n.	scornful ridicule or mockery
15. dissemble	v.	to conceal or disguise one's true feelings or beliefs

### Vocabulary from *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose

16. premeditated	adj.	adj. thought out or planned (an action, especially a crime) beforehand
17. rapport	n.	a close relationship in which the people or groups understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well.
18. motive	n.	a reason for doing something, especially one that is hidden or not obvious.
19. ignorant	adj.	lacking knowledge or awareness; uneducated or unsophisticated.
20. sadist	n.	a person who enjoys being cruel