

Modern abstract painting is a highly lucrative **genre**.

It is reprehensible, but it doesn't require much gossip to give a person an **unsavory** reputation.

Betty's childish fabrications were judged **venial** sins, although they mortified her mother.

With **dexterity** he thwarted the pugnacious and belligerent adversary.

We all felt deep **compassion** for the innocent progeny, who were bereft of their parents who had succumbed during the conflagration.

At the **acme** of his power, the dictator was obsessed with the belief that those who dissented were trying to usurp his position.

He objected **vehemently** to a vote taking place in the absence of a quorum.

The urbane gentleman was flabbergasted by the fervid interest in wrestling shown by the **naive** young girl.

A favorite parable has to do with teaching the lesson that one should not **covet** that which belongs to someone else.

His fortune fluctuated between **penury** and wealth.

There was bedlam as the favored team went down to **ignominious** defeat at the hands of the underdog.

Under the aegis of a zealous campaign manager, the candidate was able to **ingratiate** herself into the hearts of the public.

They made an effigy of their **perfidious** enemy.

As a perspicacious newspaper reporter, he felt it incumbent upon him to **depict** the abortive coup as a reprehensible act.

She lost her decorum and wept **copious** tears at the poignant story.

The sight of the corpse was **repugnant** to the squeamish onlookers.

He was made up in the most **grotesque** way for his role as a man from outer space.

The Taj Mahal in India is said to be the **epitome** of grace as an edifice.

Harry held the fallacious belief that the menial job would **degrade** him in the eyes of his friends.

In my candid opinion he is a sanctimonious fool.