

Why do we refuse to **confront** the unsavory problems of our times in a candid and incisive way?

He found his **servile** position a degrading one and could not accept it with equanimity.

The expatriate decided to make his **sojourn** in France a permanent one in order to give up his nomadic way of life.

On that **felicitous** occasion the amount of money he spent was irrelevant.

When he found his sinecure was no longer **tenable**, he felt it a propitious time to resign.

Complacent people are difficult to **motivate** to altruistic actions.

In order to complete the **therapy**, the doctor said a trip to a warm, dry climate was mandatory.

The **iconoclast** was in favor of jettisoning one of the traditions that had become an intrinsic part of his life.

She could not countenance the sight of a lethal weapon; it was tantamount to a **phobia** with her.

I would never have the temerity to walk across the steel girders high up on a new building; an onset of **vertigo** would surely follow.

The bedlam in the study hall was not **conducive** to good work habits.

Epithets are not **germane** when motivating a child to a task.

The **erudite** man was more than merely bilingual; he spoke five languages.

His beard was in its **nascent** state; it would soon be a hirsute masterpiece.

It is pathetic the way some citizens **rationalize** their apathy during election years.

Because he was an itinerant worker, he had to disdain carrying **superfluous** equipment.

During the turbulent days of the war, they wished for the **halcyon** days of earlier times.

Far from being ostentatious, she was considered the acme of fashion because of the **austere** manner of dress.

He was a tenacious competitor, and at his own **volition** he placed his title in jeopardy on many occasions.

Her **antipathy** towards men was based on rather nebulous events that she construed to prove that they were all perfidious.