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**Act I Vocabulary**

1. **Abominations** – n. vile, shameful acts
2. **Dissembling** – v. concealing one's true feelings, motives, or beliefs
3. **Calumny** – n. slander
4. **Titillated** – adj. stimulated, excited especially in a sexual way
5. **Faction** – n. dissenting group of people who are usually seeking power
6. **Prodigious** – adj. so great in size or force as to elicit awe (extraordinary)
7. **Diabolism** – n. devil worship; satanism (diabolical = evil)
8. **Bemused** - adj. baffled, bewildered
9. **Malign** - v. speak unfavorably about; adj. evil or harmful in nature or influence
10. **Lascivious** (lu'siveeus) - adj. - driven by lust
11. **Prudent** - adj. - careful and sensible; showing good judgment
12. **Dionysiac** - adj - relating to the sensual, spontaneous, and emotional aspects of human nature
13. **Scourge** - n. someone who inspires fear or dread; something that causes misery or death

**Act II Vocabulary**

1. **Ameliorate** – v. to make better or more tolerable
2. **Contempt** – n. disdain; scorn
3. **Daft** – adj. crazy; idiotic
4. **Falter** – adj. hesitate
5. **Indignant** – adj. angry over something unjust
6. **Ineptly** – adv. incompetently; foolishly
7. **Lechery** – n. sexual indulgence
8. **Pious** – adj. faithfully religious
9. **Pretense** – n. pretending; “an act”

**Act III Vocabulary**

1. **Base** – adj. low; vulgar
2. **Befuddled** – adj. confused; muddled
3. **Blanched** – adj./v. paled; to take the color from
4. **Callously** – adv. Cruelly; unfeeling; emotionally hardened
5. **Denounce** – v. to publicly pronounce something is evil; to accuse
6. **Deposition** – n. testimony under oath
7. **Effrontery** – n. shameless boldness; insolence; disrespect
8. **Immaculate** – adj. pure
9. **Perjury** – n. lying under oath
10. **Placidly** – adv. calmly
11. **Quail** – v. to falter; to recoil
12. **Qualm** – n. doubt; worry
13. **Remorseless** – adj. without a regret
14. **Slovenly** – adj. untidy
15. **Sublime** – adj. supreme; grand
16. **Unperturbed** – adj. not bothered; not upset

**Act IV Vocabulary**

1. **Adamant** – adj. unyielding; inflexible; refusing to be persuaded
2. **Beguile** – v. to deceive
3. **Excommunication** – n. exclusion from the church or community
4. **Gaunt** – adj. excessively thin
5. **Purged** – adj. emptied
6. **Reprieve** – n. stay of execution; v. to cancel or postpone punishment
7. **Retaliation** – n. revenge
8. **Tantalized** – adj./v. teased