**OCTOBER VOCABULARY**

Abase – to lower in esteem or dignity

Abeyance – suspension; temporary cessation

Baleful – menacing, threatening

Balk – to abruptly refuse to do something

Cabal – a group of conspirators; a clique

Cache – a hiding place; things hidden in a secret place

Debunk – expose the nonsense of

Decree – an official order

Ebb – diminish, recede

Eclipse – block the light of, overshadow

Façade – front of a building

Fallacy – a false notion or belief; misconception

Gaffe – social blunder; terrible mistake

Galvanize – to startle into sudden action; revitalize

Harass – attack repeatedly; torment

Harbinger – indication

Imbue – inspire; permeate

Impasse – deadlock; situation from which there is no escape

Jargon – specialized language or vocabulary or a particular job or trade

Jaunt – short pleasure trip

Karma – good or bad emanations from someone or something

Larceny – theft; robbery

Lavish – spend freely; squander

Lax – lazy; irresponsible

Mania – crazed; excessive excitement

Marginal – at the lower limit of quality; insignificant

Nemesis – unconquerable opponent or rival

Nomadic – wandering from place to place

Palatable – pleasant to the taste; agreeable

Pallor – paleness; whiteness

Quaint – pleasantly old fashioned; picturesque

Quell – to put an end to; suppress

Rampant – widespread; uncontrollable

Rarefied – interesting to a select group only; exalted

Scant – limited; meager

Seamless – without a seam; smooth

Seclusion – aloneness; withdrawal from other people

Taint – contaminated; offensive

Teem – to swarm; to overrun

Uncanny – extraordinary