**SEPTEMBER VOCABULARY**

Beleaguer – annoy persistently

Spasmodic – affected by involuntary jerky muscular contractions

Dissent – difference of opinion

Patriot – one who loves and defends their country

Psyche – that which is responsible for one’s thoughts and feelings

Catalyst – something that causes an important event to happen

Oblique – not direct, explicit or straightforward

Foremost – ranking above all others

Snub – reject outright and bluntly

Cumbersome – difficult to handle or use because of size or weight

Morbid – suggesting the horror of death and decay

Sensational – causing intense interest, curiosity or emotion

Covet – wish, long or crave for

Acute – experiencing a rapid onset and short but severe course

Foresight – seeing ahead; knowing in advance

Sagacious – acutely insightful and wise

Audacity – fearless, daring

Vehement – marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions

Countenance – appearance conveyed by a person’s face

Placid – not easily irritated

Undaunted – unshaken in purpose

Mere – apart from anything else; without additions or modifications

Docile – easily handled or managed

Conspicuous – obvious to the eye or mind

Pestilence – any epidemic disease with a high death rate

Aversion – feeling of intense dislike

Odious – unequivocally detestable

Impenetrable – impossible to understand

Hasten – cause to occur rapidly

Dispel – force to go away

Vivid – evoking lifelike images within the mind

Palpable – capable of being perceived

Grave – causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm

Invariably – without change, in every case

Debacle - a sudden and complete disaster

Stamina – enduring strength and energy

Pungent – strong and sharp to the sense of taste

Uncanny – surpassing the ordinary or normal