**Vocabulary List "The Masque of the Red Death"**

**Choose 15 of the words below to include into your logophile.**

1. allegory (noun)-a symbolic narrative; a story in which the characters or events represent a deep moral or spiritual meaning. *The allegory in the movie Avatar represents the conflict between the Aboriginal people and the colonizers throughout our history. The symbolism was thought provoking.*2. blasphemous (adj.)-profane; disrespectful, as in religion; irreverent. *It was considered blasphemous to not attend church during Shakespeare's lifetime.*3. cessation (noun)-stop; ending. *The cessation of the snowstorm was a relief after a whole week of non-stop snow.*
4. dauntless (adj.)-fearless; courageous. *The dauntless heroes were inclined to rush to danger, not away from it.*
5. disapprobation (noun)-disapproval or dislike. *There was widespread disapprobation of their inter-racial marriage in that narrow-minded community.*6. impede (verb)-to prevent, interfere with or obstruct. *The new body searches at the airports are impeding quick entry onto the airplanes.*7. impetuous (adj.)-impulsive; having great force. *His impetuous decision didn't show any careful thought or concern.*8. pestilence (noun)-contagious or infectious epidemic disease. *The pestilence eradicated thousands of people throughout the state.*
9. propriety (noun)-proper behavior; decorum. *When attending a wedding, there are certain proprieties that must be observed.*
10. prostrate (adj.)- stretched out with face on the ground in adoration or submission; lying flat. *At the crime scene, the police found the victim in a prostrate position.*11. reverie (noun)-daydreaming. *I was lost in reverie and didn't realize my flight was boarding until it was too late.*
12. robust (adj.)-showing strength or good health. *The robust man worked out daily and ate vitamins as part of his health regimen.*
13. sagacious (adj.)-wise; insightful. *The girl was praised for her sagacious judge of character which revealed she had wisdom beyond her ten years.*14. sedate (adj.)-quiet and solemn. *He remained sedate under pressure, which was the opposite of his easily agitated peers.*
15. tangible (adj.)-able to be touched; palpable. *Tables and chairs are tangible; emotions are not.*16. tremulous (adj.)-shaken; fearful. *Her tremulous hands revealed her overwhelming nervousness during her speech at graduation.*
17. untenant (verb)-uninhabit; not residing. *The abandoned house was untenanted for so many years that it had appeared to be haunted since no one wanted to live there.*18. visage (noun)-appearance; countenance. *Santa Claus is well known for his noticeably happy visage.*19. voluptuous (adj.)-full of delight or pleasure; luxurious; suggesting fullness in shape (usually body shape). *Marilyn Monroe was well known for her voluptuous figure; she had many more curves than female celebrities today.*20. wanton (adj.)-undisciplined; mischievous; lustful. *Vandals were guilty of the wanton destruction of the school property. Her wanton ways caused her husband to seek a divorce.*