

The DaVinci Code, Vocabulary

1. Coerce (1) To force by using threats --*He coerced me to give him my wallet*
2. Opulent (5) Possessing or exhibiting great wealth; affluent--*Mr. Gatsby's house is an opulent palace*
3. Dubious (8) Fraught with uncertainty or doubt; undecided--*The evidence to support the Kennedy assassination conspiracy is dubious*
4. Concur (12) To be of the same opinion; agree--*I concur with the idea that we should start high school at 8:30 rather than 7:30*
5. Glean (12) To gather information or material bit by bit--*Read these instructions for putting together the tricycle and summarize for me*
6. Affinity (19) A natural attraction, liking, or feeling of kinship--*I feel an affinity for small mammals and that's why I want to become a vet*
7. Venerated (22) Worthy of adoration or reverence--*In Chinese culture old age is venerated; unfortunately, in the U.S. elderly people aren't*
8. Neophyte (29) A beginner; A recent convert to a belief; a proselyte--*She's pretty darned good at shooting the three for a neophyte ball player*
9. Draconian (43) Exceedingly harsh; very severe--*Locking Harry in the "room under the stairs" was a draconian punishment for zapping Dudley with a spell. "Draconian measures"*
10. Cajole (47) To urge with gentle and repeated appeals or flattery--*Parents often try to cajole their kids into eating vegetables (to little avail)*

11. Oblivion (76) The condition or quality of being completely

forgotten

12. Clandestine (88) Kept or done in secret, often in order to conceal an illicit (illegal) or improper purpose

13. Austerity (88) Severe and rigid economy, as in living with (a house with no fancy furniture, etc.); austere=severe

14. Ascetic (88) Leading a life of self-discipline and self-denial, especially for spiritual improvement; like a **monk** who lives this way

15. Replete (92) Abundantly supplied; filled with the particular characteristic ("replete with symbolism")

16. Apropos (92) At an appropriate time; opportunely. "an apropos moment"

17. Apex (105) The highest point

18. Covert (113) Not openly practiced (secret), avowed, engaged in, or shown(military)

19. Ethereal (118) Characterized by lightness and airiness; intangible.

20. Propagate (124) To cause (an organism) to multiply or breed (plants)

21. Plethora (126) A superabundance; an excess.

22. Mollify (139) To calm in temper or feeling; soothe

23. Stringent (150) Imposing rigorous standards of performance; severe

24. Penchant A definite liking; a strong inclination.

25. Ephemeral Lasting for a markedly brief time:

26. Arcane Known or understood by only a few:

27. Swath The space created by the swing of a scythe or the cut of a mowing machine

28. Enigmatic Puzzling

29. Matriarchy A social system in which the mother is head of the family; antonym = patriarchy

30. Ostentatious Intended to attract notice and impress others

31. Burgeon *To grow* and flourish

32. Alacrity *Liveliness* and eagerness of response

33. Pristine *Unspoiled*; Of, relating to, or typical of the earliest time or condition;

primitive or original.

34. Primordial Being or happening first in sequence of time; original

35. Insidious Working or spreading harmfully in a subtle manner; *evil*

36. Reprisal *Retaliation* for an injury with the intent of inflicting at least as much injury in return.

37. Complicity *Involvement* as an accomplice in a questionable act, crime

38. Gallant - Smartly or boldly stylish; *dashing*

39. Vociferously *Loudly*; marked by noisy and vehement outcry

40. Sangfroid Coolness of mind in the face of difficulty; *composure*