*David and Goliath* Vocab

Ch. 2

1. Bucolic (p. 39)—pastoral; characteristic of ideal country life; rural
2. Euphemistically (p. 45)—a mild or pleasant word or phrased used instead of an unpleasant or offensive one
3. Scarcity (p. 50)—insufficiency of amount or supply; dearth; rarity; infrequency
4. Autonomy (p. 57)—independence of freedom (over will or one’s actions); self-government
5. Bombast (p. 57)—pretentious or boastful talk; speech or writing meant to sound important or impressive but is not sincere or meaningful
6. Breadth (58)—wide range or scope

Ch. 3

1. Gregarious (p. 63, 116)—outgoing; sociable; seeking or enjoying the company of others
2. Ornery (p. 64)—mean-spirited, disagreeable; easily annoyed or angered; difficult to deal with or control
3. Gravitas (p. 66)—dignity, seriousness, or solemnity (in a person’s bearing or in the treatment of a subject)
4. Indigenous (p. 70)—intrinsic, innate; originating or occurring naturally in a place; native
5. Niche (p. 73)—a situation or activity specifically suited to someone’s interests
6. Longevity (p. 78)—long life; length of service, tenure, etc.
7. Conspicuous (p. 78)—attracting attention due to being unusual or remarkable/great or impressive; standing out as to be clearly visible
8. Pseudonym (p. 94)—a fictitious name used by the author to conceal identity
9. Wistful (p. 96)—sadly pensive, especially about something yearned for; having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing

Ch. 4

1. Litigator (p. 110)—a lawyer or specializes in lawsuits
2. Eccentricity (p. 110)—deviation from the normal, expected, or established; the quality of being strange or unusual in behavior
3. Neuroticism (p. 116)—tendency to experience negative emotional states (e.g. anxiety, anger, guilt depression), not attributed to any known neurological disorder; abnormally sensitive, obsessive or tense and anxious;
4. Conscientious[ness] (p. 166, 118, 119, 120)—careful and painstaking; particular; meticulous; controlled by one’s inner sense of conscience (what’s right)
5. Tantalizing (p. 119)—to excite (another) by exposing something desirable while mockingly or teasingly keeping it out of reach;
6. Audacity (p. 121)—willingness to take bold risks; fearless daring; rude or disrespectful behavior; impudence; unusually strong and esp. rude confidence in yourself
7. Dormant (p. 124)—latent; in a state of rest or inactivity

Ch. 9

1. Dissident (p. 264)—a person who opposes official policy, especially of an authoritarian state; actively challenges an established doctrine, policy, or institution
2. Resplendent (p. 266)—shining brilliantly; gleaming; splendid in appearance; attractive and impressive through being richly colorful or sumptuous
3. Conciliatory (p. 268)—intended to placate or pacify; to overcome the distrust or animosity of; appease
4. Contingent (p. 268)—a group of people who do something together, or share some quality, interest, etc.; dependent on something else
5. Disputatious (p. 268)—fond of causing heated arguments
6. Insipidity (p. 271)—lacking qualities that stimulate or interest; dull or boring; vapid
7. Fatalist (p. 274)—the acceptance of all things and evens as inevitable; submission to fate (often with the expectation that things will turn out badly)
8. Indomitable (p. 275)—impossible to subdue or defeat; a person of unconquerable will or courage

Extra Words

1. Gratification (p. 45)
2. Aspire (p. 47)
3. Intuitively (p. 48)
4. Baffling (p. 50, 54)
5. Counterintuitive (p. 57, 87)
6. Pinnacle (p. 65)
7. Appalling (p. 66)
8. Denoted (p. 66)
9. Meticulously (p. 66)
10. Thronging (p. 67)
11. Deficiency (p. 74)
12. Deprivation (p. 77)
13. Demoralized (p. 84)
14. Derived (p. 82)
15. Proponent (p. 92)
16. Impairs (p. 101)
17. Industrious (p. 116)
18. Empathic (p. 116)
19. Antagonistic (p. 116)
20. Infrastructure (p. 118)
21. Obliged (p. 267)
22. Evasion (p. 269)
23. Exuded (p. 271)
24. Extenuating (p. 273)
25. Somber (p. 274)
26. Decapitated (p. 275)