

## "The Raven" Glossary

dreary - dark, depressing, and gloomy  
Lore- wisdom or knowledge  
Wrought- shaped or formed  
Mortal- human/earthly  
Decorum- respectability/good manners  
quaint - old-fashioned  
Countenance- face/expression  
Craven- coward/gutless  
Discourse- communication/ conversation  
curious - strange; unusual  
lore - stories thought to be based on truth; myths  
chamber - room  
'Tis - abbreviation of "it is"  
bleak - see "dreary"  
ember - the glowing bits left at the bottom of a fireplace  
morrow - tomorrow  
vainly - without success  
sought - tried to get  
surcease - an end  
nameless - in this poem, no longer to be mentioned  
Melancholy- sad and gloomy  
Ominous- warning/threatening  
entreating - asking or begging  
implore – beg  
Placid- easy-going/calm  
Dirge- funeral song  
scarce – hardly  
Censer- ghost  
token - indication that something happened  
lattice - crossed pieces of wood, similar to those found in a window pane  
stately - having excellent manners  
yore - times long past  
obeisance - acknowledgement of someone with greater authority  
mien - air; appearance; dignity  
bust - statue of a head  
Pallas - Greek god of war and late spring/early summer  
Plutonian - reference to Pluto, both the planet (the farthest from the sun) and the god (of the underworld, death, and the dead)  
beguiling - trick into feeling pleasure  
fancy – imagination  
Seraphim- angel of the highest order  
Nepenthe- drug that makes you unconscious  
Tempter- the Devil  
Balm in gilead- medicine to relieve pain and suffering  
Aidenn- like Eden/meaning- in heaven  
Plume- feather  
Pallid- white/pale/colorless

