**Word List 10/23-11/3**

**Word + Part of Speech** **Definition**

rhetoric (noun) the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing.

persecution (noun) ill-treatment, especially because of race/political/religious beliefs

blasphemy (noun) the act or offense of speaking sacrilegiously about god or sacred things

indignant (adj) showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment

traffic (verb) to trade or deal in a specific commodity or service, often illegal

hysteria (noun) an uncontrollable outburst of emotion or fear (irrational in nature)

falter (verb) to hesitate or waver in action, purpose, intent, etc.

prodigious (adj) remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree

blasphemy (noun) the act or offense of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things

magistrate (noun) civil officer or lay judge who administers the law

vile (adj) extremely unpleasant