**Based On Meltzer Critical Reading Lesson #6**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Provocative - causing thought about interesting subjects.**

Sentence example - The programme will take a detailed and provocative look at the problem of homelessness.

1. **Consistent - always behaving or happening in a similar, especially positive, way.**

Sentence example - There has been a consistent improvement in her attitude.

1. **Cherry-picking - to pick only the best people or things from a group, so that only people or things that are less good remain.**

Sentence example - The new schools were accused of cherry-picking the best students in the area.

1. **Unwittingly - in a way that is done without knowing or planning.**

Sentence example - I apologize for any anxiety which I may, unwittingly, have caused.

1. **Lure - to persuade someone to do something or go somewhere by offering them something exciting.**

Sentence example - She was lured into the job by the offer of a high salary.

1. **Infancy - the time when someone is a baby or a very young child.**

Sentence example - Her youngest child died in infancy.

1. **Heroine - a woman who is admired for having done something very brave or having achieved something great.**

Sentence example - She is remembered as a heroine of the French Resistance.

1. **Indulgence - an occasion when you allow someone or yourself to have something enjoyable, especially more than is good for you.**

Sentence example - All the pleasures and indulgences of the weekend are over, and I must get down to some serious hard work.

1. **Perplexity - a state of confusion or a complicated and difficult situation or thing.**

Sentence example - She stared at the instruction booklet in complete perplexity.

1. **Propensity - the fact that someone is likely to behave in a particular way, especially a bad way.**

Sentence example - She's inherited from her father a propensity to talk too much.

1. **Impending - used to refer to an event, usually something unpleasant or unwanted, that is going to happen soon.**

Sentence example - The player announced his impending retirement from international football.

1. **Tenet - one of the principles on which a belief or theory is based.**

Sentence example - It is a tenet of contemporary psychology that an individual's mental health is supported by having good social networks.

1. **Looming - (of something unwanted or unpleasant) about to happen soon and causing worry.**

Sentence example - I need time and unfortunately with more homework and coursework deadlines looming, I'm getting less and less.

1. **Dissect - to examine or consider something in detail.**

Sentence example - He's the kind of person who watches a movie and then dissects it for hours.

1. **Boundary - a real or imagined line that marks the edge or limit of something.**

Sentence example - The Ural mountains mark the boundary between Europe and Asia.

1. **Unorthodox - different from what is usual or expected in behaviour, ideas, methods, etc.**

Sentence example - Steiner was recognized as an original if unorthodox thinker.

1. **Reign - to be the king or queen of a country.**

Sentence example - Queen Victoria reigned over Britain from 1837 to 1901.

1. **Intermingle - to become mixed together.**

Sentence example - The flavors intermingle to produce a very unusual taste.

1. **Prosperity - the state of being successful and having a lot of money.**

Sentence example - A country's future prosperity depends, to an extent, upon the quality of education of its people.

1. **Confound - to confuse and very much surprise someone, so that they are unable to explain or deal with a situation.**

Sentence example - An elderly man from Hull has confounded doctors by recovering after he was officially declared dead.