**Based On Meltzer Critical Reading Lesson #8**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Hotbed - a place or situation where a lot of a particular activity is happening or might happen.**

Sentence example - Seattle is a hotbed of software publishing.

1. **Embedded - If an emotion, opinion, etc. is embedded in someone or something, it is a very strong or important part of him, her, or it.**

Sentence example - A sense of guilt was deeply embedded in my conscience.

1. **Substantial - large in size, value, or importance.**

Sentence example - The findings show a substantial difference between the opinions of men and women.

1. **Intergenerational - relating to, involving, or affecting several generations.**

Sentence example - Recently, the curriculum's use in intergenerational settings has also been noted.

1. **Aspiring - wishing to become successful in a particular type of job.**

Sentence example - Marcus is an aspiring actor.

1. **Blaspheme - to use offensive words or make statements that show no respect for God or religion.**

Sentence example - I appeal to everybody here not to blaspheme this sacred place with political quarrels.

1. **Cohesion - the situation when the members of a group or society are united.**

Sentence example - The lack of cohesion within the party lost them votes in the election.

1. **Endeavor - an attempt to do something.**

Sentence example - In spite of our best endeavors, it has proven impossible to contact her.

1. **Flee - to escape by running away, especially because of danger or fear.**

Sentence example - In order to escape capture, he fled to the mountains.

1. **Exhort - to strongly encourage or try to persuade someone to do something.**

Sentence example - The governor exhorted the prisoners not to riot.

1. **Admonish - to advise someone to do something.**

Sentence example - Her teacher admonished her to work harder for her exams.

1. **Uphold - to defend or keep a principle or law, or to say that a decision that has already been made, especially a legal one, is correct.**

Sentence example - As a police officer you are expected to uphold the law whether you agree with it or not.

1. **Derelict - in a very poor condition as a result of disuse and neglect.**

Sentence example - The barge lay derelict for years.

1. **Constituent - one of the parts that a substance or combination is made of.**

Sentence example - What are the basic constituents of the mixture?

1. **Hypocritical - saying that you have particular moral beliefs but behaving in a way that shows these are not sincere.**

Sentence example - Their accusations of corruption are hypocritical - they have been just as corrupt themselves.

1. **Brine - water with salt in it, especially when used to preserve food.**

Sentence example - These catalysts could be water, brine, wine, beer or other similar liquids.

1. **Harshness - the quality of being unkind or severe.**

Sentence example - The harshness of the Canadian winter took them by surprise.