**Vocabulary Power Plus for the ACT**  Name   
**Lesson 8 -- Assignment 1**  Hour

**Definitions and Sentence Completion**

**Directions:** Use *http://www.learnersdictionary.com/* to locate a definition for each word on the list. Write the definition on the lines. Then, complete each sentence with an original idea.   
 You may print this assignment, copy it into Word to complete digitally, or you may complete it on lined paper. If you use lined paper, be sure to write out the sentence starter as well as your ending.

1. **deride** (v.)   
   
   
 The **adroit** mechanic repaired the biplane even though he…  
  
  
  
2. **censure** (v.)   
   
   
 The editor **censured** Carol’s first manuscript, so Carol decided to…   
  
  
  
3. **gambol** (v.)   
   
  
 During recess, students **gamboled** on the playground while…

4. **immolate** (v.)   
   
  
 Some Buddhist monks **immolated** themselves in order to protest…  
  
  
  
5. **recondite** (adj.)   
   
  
 People who did not understand the **recondite** reasons for the war decided to…

6. **martinet** (n.)   
   
  
 Leo’s tutor was a **martinet** who made him…

7. **quagmire** (n.)   
   
  
 Jill saw her financial debt as a **quagmire** from which she could…

8. **gibe** (v.)

The judge did not appreciate it when the defendant **gibed** at…

9. **agape** (adj.)   
   
  
 Will stared at the test results with his mouth **agape** because…

10. **carcinogen** (adj.)   
   
  
 Asbestos is a **carcinogen** that can…

11. **olfactory** (adj.)   
   
  
 If we had no **olfactory** sense, we would not…

12. **imperious** (adj.)   
   
  
 The **imperious** voice that my sister used with me made me feel angry because…

13. **grotesque** (adj.)   
   
  
 Irene made a **grotesque** expression when she took a bite because the food…

14. **neologism** (n.)   
   
  
   
 A **neologism** that has only been used in the past five years is…

15. **hackneyed** (adj.)   
   
  
 **Hackneyed** expressions detract from your writing, so you should…