Name _____ **High School Vocabulary Words**

What Does It Mean?

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Choose the correct meaning for each underlined word.

_____ 1. She paid only <u>cursory</u> attention to her parents' final instructions.
A. close B. hasty

_____ 2. The woman had a strange <u>charisma</u>, and we couldn't stop looking at her.
A. magical attractiveness B. personality

_____ 3. I like that candidate, but my father thinks he is a <u>demagogue</u>.
A. rabble-rousing leader B. cheat

_____ 4. After our argument, it took over an hour to <u>placate</u> her.
A. punish B. pacify

_____ 5. This country's <u>indigenous</u> people were hunter-gatherers.
A. native B. poorest

_____ 6. Theseus made it out of the <u>labyrinth</u> with Ariadne's help.
A. dungeon B. maze

_____ 7. Her meddling only <u>exacerbated</u> the problem.
A. made worse B. elongated

_____ 8. I was absolutely <u>incensed</u> at his comment.
A. furious B. lit on fire

_____ 9. I found the prospect of the long trip <u>daunting</u>.
A. challenging B. fearful

_____ 10. Jane was placed in a <u>rudimentary</u> math class.
A. basic B. advanced

_____ 11. He is teased often because he is so <u>credulous</u>.
A. awkward B. eager to believe

_____ 12. Her explanation of the situation was astonishing <u>lucid</u>.
A. easy to understand B. entertaining