

*East of Eden* Vocabulary List #3

1. dissipated – scatter; disperse; break up and drive off (157) verb
2. queue – a braid of hair (159) noun
3. indolence – insensitivity to pain (163) noun
4. vehemence – strength of feeling; passion (169) noun
5. impertinent – rude; not restrained within proper bounds (170) adj
6. reverie – daydream; state of being lost in thought (171) noun
7. imminence – quality of being ready to take place (175) noun
8. impunity – without punishment (178) noun
9. assay – attempt; judge (184) verb
10. dissemble – hide under false appearance (185) verb
11. prodigiously – done in a manner that excites wonder; extraordinarily (195) adv
12. petulantly – done with ill humor; irritably (199) adv
13. myopic – unable to see distant objects; unable to fathom implications (203) adj
14. sardonic – disdainfully or skeptically humorous; derisively mocking (205) adj
15. fallow – dormant; land left without tilling or sowing (213) adj
16. bumptiousness – quality of being noisily self-assertive (215) noun
17. decorous – proper; correct (216)
18. efface – obliterate; rub out; erase (217) verb
19. immutable – unchangeable (218) adj
20. incumbents – those who already hold an office or position (218) pl. noun
21. bacchanalianism – quality of a drunken orgy (218) noun
22. inviolate – pure; not violated (219) adj
23. repose – state of rest or clam; to rest (221) noun/verb
24. demure – quietly modest; unassertive; shy (222) adj
25. paregoric – a preparation of opium and camphor used to relieve pain (225) noun