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“My Last Duchess” Vocabulary

Find the following words in the text, box each one, and write a synonym (or very short definition) above each boxed word. Try to write a word that you can use as a substitute for the original word as you read. The definitions printed here will be used for a matching column style quiz at the end of the unit.

1. design (line 6): a plan or project
2. read (line 6): looked at carefully to understand the meaning
3. countenance (line 7): face
4. earnest (line 8): sincere; showing depth and sincerity of feeling; serious in intention, purpose, or effort
5. laps (line 16): lays partly over something underneath
6. courtesy (line 20): politeness; good manners
7. favour (line 25): approval; liking
8. bough (line 27): a branch of a tree, especially a large or main one
9. officious (line 27): interfering; meddlesome; intrusive; objectionably aggressive in offering one's unrequested and unwanted services
10. stoop (lines 34, 43 and 44): to lower oneself; to condescend
11. trifling (line 35): silliness; unimportant frivolous conduct, talk, etc.
12. exceed (line 39): go beyond a limit
13. lessoned (line 40): taught; instructed; given a lesson; scolded; criticized
14. munificence (line 49): unusual generosity; kindness
15. ample (line 50): plenty of; fully sufficient or more than adequate for the purpose or needs
16. warrant (line 50): guarantee ; assurance
17. just (line 50): fair; guided by truth, reason, and fairness
18. pretence (line 50): a claim made or implied
19. dowry (line 51): the money, goods, or estate that a wife brings to her husband at marriage
20. disallowed (line 51): denied; prohibited; not permitted
21. avowed (line 52): declared; stated; acknowledged; promised
22. object (line 53): goal; purpose
23. taming (line 55): controlling; restraining; subjugating

