Homestretch List 2

1. Allegory = story, poem, or picture with hidden meaning, typically moral or political

2. Idiosyncrasy = a distinctive or peculiar feature or characteristic; eccentricity, quirk

3. Quiescent (kwee ES ent) = inactive or dormant

4. Lucid = expressed clearly; understandable

5. Interjection = an aside, an interruption

6. Insolence = rude or disrespectful

7. Aficionado = knowledgeable and enthusiastic about something

8. Loath = reluctant, unwilling (as in "loath to admit it" means you don't want to) or to dislike intensely

9. Connoisseur = an expert judge in matters of good taste (elegance), a specialist

10. Dabbler = not deeply engaged or concerned with an activity (to play around with something for a bit)

11. Wry = a mocking, sarcastic, satirical, sardonic (grimly mocking or cynical) expression

12. Apocryphal = A story or statement of doubtful authenticity widely circulated as true; something false

13. Cosmopolitan = having a worldly rather than a limited perspective; international sophistication

14. Dejected = sad or depressed

15. Antagonistic = hostile

16. Chattel = a personal possession other than land

17. Deleterious = causing harm or damage

18. Adulation = obsequious flattery; excessive admiration or praise

19. Obsequious = obedient or attentive to an excessive degree

20. Guerdon (GARE a don) = a reward

21. Precipitous = done suddenly and without careful consideration

22. Rebuke = reprimand, reproach, scold, admonish, reprove, chastise, upbraid, berate

23. Condescension = an attitude of patronizing superiority; disdain

24. Incredulous = unwilling or unable to believe something

25. Convoluted = extremely complex and difficult to follow

26. Destitute = without basic necessities of life

27. Debasement = reduce quality, value, rank or dignity of something or someone

28. Egalitarian = the idea that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities

29. Epitomize = the perfect example of something

30. Despot = a tyrant, oppressor, dictator, autocrat, or slave driver

31. Habeas corpus = a person under arrest must be released or charged

32. Canon = books in a category, a representation of quality literary works, a general criterion for judging

33. Patrician = an aristocrat or nobleman

34. Insurrection = an uprising against a government or authority

35. Sedition = conduct or speech inciting people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch

36. Surrealism = 20th century avant-garde movement in art/lit. seeking to releases creativity of the unconscious,

 for example, by the irrational juxtaposition of images

37. Avant-garde = new, unusual, experimental ideas, especially in the arts

38. Abject = bad, undignified

39. Retribution = vengeance for being wronged

40. Inexorable = impossible to stop or prevent