*The Awakening* List 1

1. Dissolution = the closing or dismissal of an assembly, partnership, or official body

2. Lawn sleeves = the sleeves forming part of the attire of an Anglican bishop

3. Languor = the state or feeling, often pleasant, of tiredness or inertia; a stillness in the air

4. Evince = reveal the presence of (a quality or feeling), indicate

5. Upbraid = find fault with or scold

6. Lament = a passionate expression of grief or sorrow, mourning

7. Efface = appear insignificant or inconspicuous

8. Diminutive = extremely or unusually small

9. Insidious = proceeding in a gradual, subtle, harmful way; treacherous; crafty

10. Impervious = unable to be affected by; impenetrable

11. Smote = strongly attracted to someone or something; struck with a firm blow

12. Accouchement (ah **coosh** ment) = giving birth to a baby

13. Congenial = pleasant, agreeable

14. Prostrate = lying stretched out on the ground facing down

15. Vouchsafe = give or grant, reveal or disclose

16. Seriocomic = serious in intention but humorous in manner or vice versa

17. Ejaculatory = say something quickly and suddenly

18. Remonstrate = forcefully disapproving

19. Befurbelowed = ornamented with frills

20. Sonorous (**saw**-ner-us) = an imposingly deep, full voice or other sound

21. Impel = drive, force, or urge someone to do something

22. Tumult (**two**-mult) =a loud, confused noise, especially caused by a crowd; confusion, disorder

23. Effusive = unrestrained and heartfelt expression of gratitude, pleasure, or approval

24. Propensity = inclination or tendency of behavior; predisposition, proclivity

25. Acme (**ack**-mee) = the point of perfection or greatest success

26. Creole = New Orleans aristocrats born to settlers in French colonial Louisiana, with Western European roots and elite French behaviors

27. Mulatto = half black and half white

28. Quadroon = one quarter black

29. Griffe (rhymes with IF) = offspring of a black and a mulatto

30. Suffuse = gradually spread through or over