*The Bell Jar* List 1

1. Sultry =hot and humid; (of a person, especially a woman) attractive in a way that suggests a

passionate nature

2. McCarthyism =a campaign against alleged communists in the US government and other institutions

carried out under Senator Joseph McCarthy

3. Anti-semitism =hostility to or prejudice against Jews

4. Cindery =A small piece of burned or partly burned substance, such as coal that is not reduced to ashes

but is incapable of further combustion.

5. Skimpy =(in clothing) short and revealing

6. Lamé =a shiny fabric woven with metallic threads, often of gold or silver.

7. Bodice =the close-fitting upper part of a dress, covering the chest and back above the waist

8. Hullabaloo =a commotion; a fuss

9. Agate marbles =marbles colored to resemble a banded gemstone

10. Sneer =mocking smile, remark, or tone

11. Decadence =moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or

luxury; self-indulgent, luxurious

12. Blasé =unimpressed or indifferent

13. Scrunty =small, not thriving, miserly, mean, contemptible, poor, bare

14. Citified =characteristic of or adjusted to an urban environment

15. Spindly =(of a person or limb) long or tall and thin

16. Amble =walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace

17. Vamoose =depart hurriedly

18. Verdant =green, grassy, lush, forest vegetation; naïve

19. Antithesis =a contrast or opposition between two things

20. Evasion =escape or avoid, especially by cleverness or trickery

21. Lurid =very vivid in color, especially so as to create an unpleasantly harsh or unnatural effect

22. Tepid =lukewarm, slightly warm water; unenthusiastic, a greeting that is not energetic or friendly

23. Wan =weak or pale

24. Tentative =done without confidence; hesitant

25. Purge =get rid of people or things; get rid of an unwanted quality, condition, or feeling

26. Nonplussed =so surprised and confused that a person doesn’t know how to react

27. Grim =uninviting, depressing

28. Morale =the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline of a person or group at a particular time

29. Flabbergasted =greatly surprised, astonish, dumbfounded

30. Insubstantial =not solid or real; imaginary, intangible, vague

31. Disconsolate =without comfort; unhappy discouraged, gloomy

32. Inconsequential =not important or significant

33. Conglomerate =parts put together to form a whole while remaining distinct entities

34. Infinitesimal =extremely small