CHAPTER ONE

THRONG: a great number of persons crowded together.
EDIFICE: a large, usually impressive building.
UTOPIA: a place or state of political or social perfection. Comes from a novel by Sir Thomas More about a perfect society.
ALLOT: to divide or distribute in shares.
SEASONABLE: timely or opportune.
SEPULCHRES: a burial vault built of rock or stone.
PONDEROUS: weighty or clumsy.
CONGENIAL: pleasant, friendly.
INAUSPICIOUS: not prosperous.
PORTAL: a doorway of imposing appearance.

CHAPTER TWO

PHYSIOGNOMIES: the facial features held to show qualities of mind or character by their configuration or expression.
AUGURED: foretold.
BETOKENED: given evidence of.
TRIBUNAL: a court of forum of justice.
INFERENCE: the act of passing from one proposition, statement, or judgment considered as true to another whose truth is believed to follow from that of the former.
INDUBITABLY: unquestionably.
ANTINOMIAN: one who rejects a socially established morality.
HETERODOX: holding unorthodox opinions or doctrines.
SCOURGED: to subject to severe criticism or satire.
FIREWATER: strong alcoholic beverage.
MAGISTRATE: a local official exercising administrative and often judicial functions.
GALLOW: the punishment of hanging.
VENERABLE: made sacred especially by religious or historical association.
MEAGRE: lacking desirable qualities; meager.
TRANSGRESSION: violator.
SCAFFOLD: a platform on which a criminal is executed.
INFA'MY: evil reputation brought about by something grossly criminal, shocking, or brutal.
IMPROPRIETY: the quality or state of being improper.
FARTHINGALE: a support worn in the 16th century beneath a skirt to expand it at the hip line.
FIBRE: basic toughness.
ROTUNDITY: rounded.
BEEN: advantage, profit.
MALEFACTOR: a person who violates the law or does evil.
TROW: believe.
AUTUMAL: a period of maturity or incipient decline.
BAGGAGE: a worthless or contemptible woman; prostitute.
HEATHENISH: barbarous.
BEADLE: a minor parish official whose duties include ushering and preserving order at services and sometimes civil functions.
ABASHED: to destroy the self-confidence of.
SUMPTUARY: designed to regulate habits on moral or religious grounds.
GENTILITY: the members of the upper class.
EVANESCENT: tending to vanish like vapor.
IGNOMINY: disgraceful or dishonorable conduct, quality, or action.
BRAZEN: marked by contemptuous boldness.
HUSSY: a saucy or mischievous girl.
MERIDIAN: midsay; noon.