Vocab. #6

1. Cardinal: (adj) serving as an essential component; most important; chief

A cardinal rule of school is to make sure to do your homework to get good grades.

1. Transitory: (adj) passing quickly; lasting only a short time; temporary; fleeting

The sad feelings were only transitory as I felt better in the morning.

1. Incarnate: (adj) having bodily form, especially human form; personified

My boyfriend is superman incarnate because he fixed my car last weekend.

1. Elicit: (v) To call forth (emotions, feelings, and responses); to bring out a response, to evoke

Period 1 always elicits feelings of joy from me.

1. Ebb (noun): the flowing backward of the sea; a point or condition of decline

The ebb of the economy in 2008 caused many to lose their jobs.

1. Bellicose (adj.): war-like; aggressive

The bellicose man threw a book at the teacher.

1. Superlative: (adj.): the highest kind or quality

He possesses a superlative wisdom that earned him the top spot in his class.

1. Niggardly: (adj.) reluctant to give or spend; miserly; stingy

Scrooge was a niggardly old man.

1. Indigent (adj.): suffering from extreme poverty

The indigent man and his wife had both recently lost their jobs and their homes and were forced to live in their car.

1. Animus (noun): a usually prejudiced and often spiteful or malevolent ill will

The police man had animus towards all teenagers because he thought they were all up to no good.