Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_English 9 Vocabulary List #2 *Persepolis*

Part One: Roots  
One or more of these root words will be on the quiz. For extra credit on the quiz, find and define a word with this root.  
**ambi – both, on both sides, around**

ambidextrous (adj) – able to use both hands with equal skill  
ambiguous (adj) – open to more than one interpretation  
ambivalent (adj) having conflicting feelings

Part Two  
All of the following nine words will be on the quiz. For extra credit on the quiz, you will be asked to correctly use any one of these words in context in a complete sentence.

1. Secular (adj) Not pertaining to or connected with religion   
“Since she was not a religious person, she chose a college with a secular focus.”

2. Belligerent (adj)‐ Inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness, hostility, or combativeness

“Because the student was so belligerent, I almost had to break up a fight.”

3. Insolent (adj)‐ showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect.

“The student was so insolent that the teacher had no choice but to write them up for telling the substitute to shut up.”

4. Indignant (adj)‐ Feeling characterized by, or expressing, strong displeasure at something considered unjust, offensive, insulting, or base  
“The student was indignant when the teacher wrongly accused them of cheating on the quiz.”

5. Lackey (n)‐ A person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage ‐ a sycophant; someone who does menial tasks for another.  
“Without her lackey, the spoiled woman had to run her own errands.”

6. Transcendental (adj)‐ Being beyond ordinary or common experience, thought, or belief; supernatural

“She describes her meeting with her favorite singer as a transcendent moment that changed her life.”

7. Sordid (adj)‐ Foul, run‐down, and repulsive  
“If people learn of the politician’s sordid past, they will not vote for him.”

8. Deplorable (adj)‐ Deserving censure or contempt; shockingly bad in quality

“During the winter storm, the road conditions were so deplorable school was cancelled for a week.”

9. Prostrate (adj)‐ Stretched out with face on the ground in adoration or submission  
“The monk’s prostrate form was clearly visible as he bowed before the statue in the temple.”