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Unit 10 Vocabulary and Spelling Homework Packet (8th Grade)

Packet and test will be due Friday 12/13/19

indiscriminate	plausible
proximity	sequel
plebeian	volatile
pulverize	intrigue
jurisdiction	prodigal

Part A (Definitions):

indiscriminate: (adj.) without restraint or control; unselective

intrigue: (n.) crafty dealings, underhanded plotting; (v.) to form and carry out plots; to puzzle or excite the curiosity

jurisdiction: (n.) an area of authority or control; the right to administer justice

plausible: (adj.) appearing true, reasonable, or fair

plebeian: (adj.) common, vulgar; belonging to the lower class; (n.) a common person, member of the lower class

prodigal: (adj.) wastefully extravagant; lavishly or generously abundant; (n.) one who is wasteful and self-indulgent

proximity: (n.) nearness, closeness

pulverize: (v.) to grind or pound to a powder or dust; to destroy or overcome (as though smashing into fragments)

sequel: (n.) that which follows, a result; a literary work or film continuing the story of one written or made earlier

volatile: (adj.) highly changeable, fickle; tending to become violent or explosive; changing readily from the liquid to the gaseous state

Part B (Sentence Completion): Choose the proper word from above and complete each sentence.

1. A person who is usually calm and collected may nevertheless sometimes behave in a _____ manner.
2. At many old mills in Vermont, granite stones were used to _____ the grain.
3. At one time, the _____ of ancient Rome were excluded from holding public office of any kind.
4. People with children often choose a house because of its _____ to schools.
5. Readers are eagerly awaiting a _____ to the author's best-selling mystery novel.
6. We have a tight budget, but we make an exception for _____ celebrations on family birthdays.
7. The old album full of faded family pictures and postcards from exotic places _____ me.
8. Cases involving robbery and assault are usually tried under the _____ of the state courts.
9. The _____ slaughter of right whales brought that species to the brink of extinction.
10. Their story does not sound _____ to me.

Part C: Synonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the boldface word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

11. **Ground up** turquoise to use as paint pigment _____
12. under the **control** of the United Nations _____
13. enjoyed the **follow-up** more than the original _____
14. **interested** by their unusual behavior _____
15. a person of the **lower-class** _____
16. known for having a highly **erratic** temper _____
17. refused to help the **spendthrift** _____
18. was **next to** the gas station _____
19. had a **believable** idea _____