Vocabulary #14:

erudite invective

trepidation complacent

sardonic aplomb

inevitable savvy

exempt debacle

1. The lecture was erudite, timely, and delivered with great style.

2. She had some reasonable trepidation about working with people she didn’t trust.

3. The teacher gave a sardonic look to the student who claimed his dog ate the homework.

4. Once the engine is drained of oil, failure is inevitable.

5. Working overseas made him exempt to certain U.S. taxes.

6. Billy barked out an extended invective at the driver who cut him off in traffic.

7. Many people are too quick to become complacent when everything comes easy for them.

8. She handles herself with aplomb when faced with an unpredictably hectic day.

9. She's an excellent scholar, but lacks the savvy needed to run for public office.

10. The stock market crash of 1929 was a financial debacle for the United States.