

10th GRADE POETRY SELECTIONS

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1. **abysmal**: immeasurably deep
2. **batten**: feed on; grow fat on
3. **billow**: any surging mass
4. **circuit**: act of going around something
5. **countenance**: a person's face or expression
6. **earnest**: serious and intense; not joking
7. **ebony**: black
8. **fay**: fairy or elf
9. **flit**: to move lightly and swiftly; to pass quickly, as time
10. **flurriedly**: agitated; flustered; excited
11. **fork**: (v.) to pierce, raise, pitch, dig, etc.
12. **grot**: a cave
13. **idle**: useless not busy
14. **infirm**: weak, feeble
15. **make**: New England dialect meaning 'the process of drying out hay'
16. **melancholy**: sad
17. **millennial**: of 1000 years
18. **pallor**: lack of color, unnatural paleness
19. **rave**: to talk with extreme enthusiasm
20. **reaper**: a person who harvests a crop
21. **scythe**: a tool used for cutting grain or grass
22. **slant**: to distort (info) by presenting it unfaithfully or incompletely
23. **slumber**: sleep
24. **swale**: New England dialect meaning 'marshland'
25. **tremulous**: quivering