

“An Address by Elizabeth Cady Stanton”  
Vocabulary List

**Paragraph 1**

**Petition (N)**– A formally drawn request, often bearing the names of a number of those making the request that is addressed to a person or group in authority or power, soliciting some favor, right, or other benefit.

**Legislature (N)** – A deliberative body of persons, usually elective, who are empowered to make, change, or repeal laws of a country or state.

**Just (Adj)** – Guided by truth, reason, justice, and fairness.

**Attire (N)** – Clothes or apparel, especially rich or splendid garments.

**Paragraphs 2 & 3**

**Notwithstanding (Conjunction)** – In spite of the fact

**Barristers (N)** – (In England) lawyers who are members of the Inns of Court and who have the privilege of pleading in the higher courts.

**Lord mayors (N)** – (Chiefly in Britain and the Commonwealth) mayors of certain cities or the chief municipal officers of certain areas.

**Imposing (Adj.)**– Very impressive because of great size, stately appearance, dignity, or elegance.

**Philosophical (Adj.)**– Pertaining to the study of ideas about knowledge, truth, and the nature and meaning of life.

**Molest (V)** – To bother, interfere with, or annoy.

**Stocks (N)** – Long, usually white neckcloths wrapped around the neck worn in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and as part of modern riding clothes.

**Kneecap (N)** – the kneecap or patella.

**Tacitly (Adj.)** – Understood without being openly expressed; implied.

**Paragraphs 4 & 5**

**Chastise (V)** – To criticize severely.

**Dependent (N)**– A person who depends on or needs someone or something for aid, support.

**Bounty (N)**– Generosity in giving to others.

**Divinity (N)** – The state of being a god or godlike.

**Stripling (N)**– A youth.

**Estate (N)**– Property or possessions.

**Statute (N)** – Law

**Paragraphs 6 & 7**

**Franchise (N)**– The right to vote.

**Indomitable (Adj.)**– Difficult or impossible to defeat or subdue.

**Stature(N)** – Degree of development attained; level of achievement.

**Sorely(Adv.)** – Very much.

**Attained (V)** – Reached, achieved, accomplished.

**Paragraphs 8 – 10**

**Utmost (Adj.)** – Of the greatest or highest degree or quantity.

**Rouse (V)** – To stir or incite strong anger.

**Licentiousness (N)** – The state of being lawless; immoral; disregarding rules.

**Gluttony (N)** – Greedy or excessive indulgence.

**Abominations (N)** – Vile, shameful, or detestable actions, conditions, or habits.

**Deformities (N)** – Moral flaws or defects.

**Missionary (Adj.)** – Reflecting or prompted by the desire to persuade or convert others.

**Innumerable (Adj.)** – Incapable of being counted; countless.

**Battlements (N)** – Low walls at the top of a castle with open spaces for people inside to shoot through.

**Verily (Adv.)** – In truth; indeed.

**Virtuous (Adj.)** – Morally good.

**Vice (N)** – Bad or immoral behavior or habit.

**Paragraphs 11 & 12**

**Caprice (N)** – A sudden, unpredictable change.

**Nether (Adj.)** – Lower or under.

**Millstone (N)** – Either a pair of circular stones between which grain or another substance is ground.

**Tyranny (N)** – Cruel and unfair treatment by people with power over others.

**Lust (N)** – A strong feeling of sexual desire.

**Gratified (Adj.)** – Pleased or satisfied.

**Restoration (N)** – The act of renewal, revival, or reestablishment.

**Paragraphs 13 – 14**

**Haunts (N)** – Ghosts

**Unheeded (Adj.)** – Heard or noticed but then ignored or not followed.

**Keenest (Adj.)** – Sharpest or most piercing.

**Nerved (V)** – Gave strength, vigor, or courage.

**Foretold (Adj.)** – Predicted or told of ahead of time.

**Prophecy (V)** – To state that something will happen in the future.

**Entrenched (Adj.)** – Established firmly and solidly.

**Bulwarks (N)** – Walls of earth or other material built for defense.

**Fortified (Adj.)** – Protected or strengthened against attack.

**Steadfastly (Adv.)** – In a manner that is firmly fixed in place.

**Undauntedly (Adv.)** – In a manner that is not discouraged.

**Unfurl (V)** – To unfold.

**Gale (N)** – A very strong wind.

**Rend (V)** – To tear something to pieces.