

Summer Reading Vocabulary Wrap Up— “10 to know”

Predict, then verify with a dictionary, the meaning of each italicized word.

The *fasco* did not affect me too much.

1. **fasco** (n) =

Most times the stories were little more than *anecdotes*, short of breath and short of life.

2. **anecdote** (n) =

I chose the sloth because its *demeanor*—calm, quiet and *introspective*—did something to soothe my shattered self.

3. **demeanor** (n) =

4. **introspective** (adj)=

On a scale of 2 to 10, where 2 represents unusual dullness and 10 extreme *acuity*, Beebe (1926) gave the sloth’s senses of taste touch, sight and hearing a rating of 2.

5. **acuity** (n) =

For that is what animals are, conservative, one might even say *reactionary*.

6. **reactionary** (adj) =

Its only real habit is *indolence*.

7. **indolence** (n) =

He’s *petulant*! It’s morning in Bethany and God is hungry; God want his breakfast.

8. **petulant** (adj) =

It was the first *sentient* being I had ever killed.

9. **sentient** (adj) =

I felt satisfaction because such a geology confirmed that I was right, that this island was a chimera, a play of the mind.

10. **chimera** (ki meer a) (adj.) =