

# Words from Jean Rhys' *Wide Sargasso Sea*

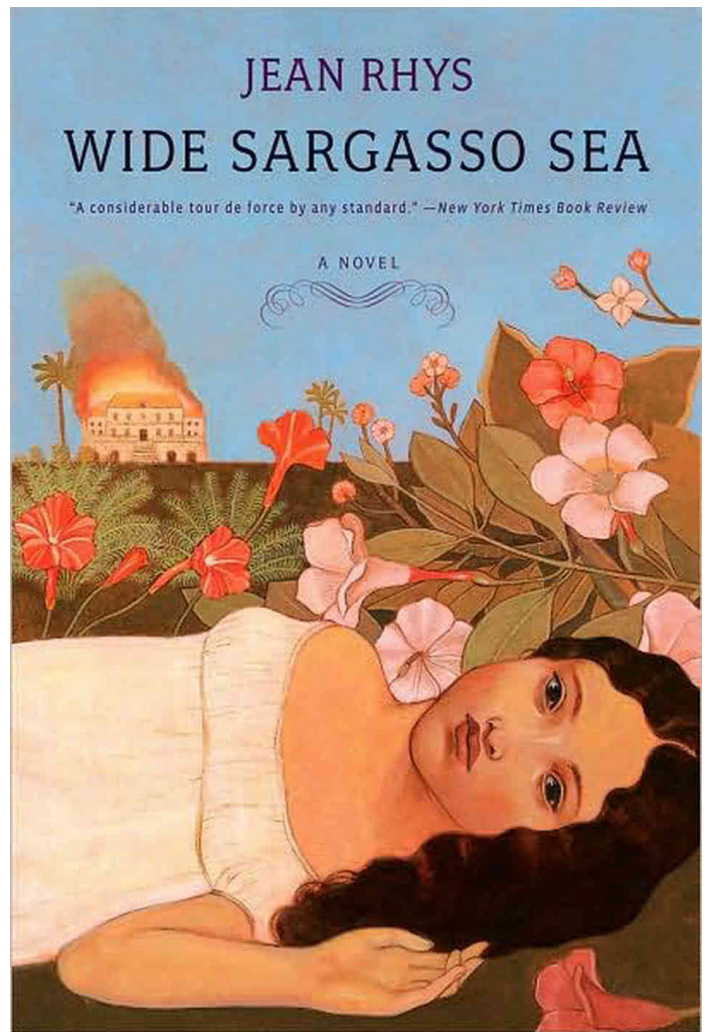
*Avocabo Wordlist 97*

BLANDISHMENT, CAPRICIOUS, ENMITY, FLAMBOYANT, FURTIVE, HAUGHTY, INEXORABLE, LAMENTATIONS, MELODRAMATIC, OBEAH, OBSTINATE, PALTRY, PIOUS, PRIMOGENITURE, PROPITIATE, PROTUBERANT, QUAVER, REPROACH, REPROBATE, RIGMAROLE

*Born into an oppressive colonialist society, Creole Heiress Antoinette Cosway meets a young Englishman drawn to her innocent sensuality and beauty. After their marriage, disturbing rumors begin to circulate, poisoning her husband against her. Caught between his demands, and her own precarious sense of belonging, Antoinette is driven towards madness.*

**Exercise 97-1: Synonyms** Pick the closest synonym to the bolded list word in the sentence. (10 Marks)

1. She was flattered by the **blandishments** directed at her  
a) rocks      b) insults      c) compliments
2. Ancient civilizations **propitiate** gods through sacrifice  
a) ignore      b) appease      c) annoy
3. The hill before him was a **paltry** excuse for a mountain  
a) inadequate      b) acceptable      c) fair
4. Her look of **haughty** disdain withered him  
a) snobbish      b) humorous      c) happy
5. There has **enmity** between the families for generations  
a) agreement      b) hostility      c) war
6. **Primogeniture** dictates that the eldest son will inherit the crown  
a) law      b) government      c) birthright
7. Although both his parents were scientists, he had **pious** devotion  
a) religious      b) great      c) scientific



8. He **quavered** in fear at the sight before him  
a) ran      b) shook      c) hid
9. The **lamentations** of the family could be heard throughout the church  
a) laughs      b) questions      c) cries
10. The bruise grew more **protuberant** over time  
a) swollen      b) painful      c) colored

**Exercise 97-2: Anagrams** Unscramble the following anagrams (15 Marks)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Mail roger
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Attain lemons
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Baron exile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Boat stein
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Democrat mail
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Ban moat fly

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Five rut
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Patriot pie
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Regime intro up
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Hay thug
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Boa he
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Rat ply
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Ten I my
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Qua rev
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I so up

**Exercise 97-3: Appropriate vs. Inappropriate Usage**

Indicate whether the bold list word has been used appropriately  or inappropriately . (10 Marks)

- 1. You must be very careful when you **reproach** a horse, so as to not startle it.
  - 2. The **flamboyant** curtains brought new life to the apartment.
  - 3. There was a **blandishment** of color spread over the canvas.
  - 4. The events were **inexorable** and played out as expected.
  - 5. The people became more **protuberant** as the evening went on.
  - 6. Duck, chicken and farm fresh eggs were the most popular purchases at the **paltry** counter.
  - 7. Her grief-filled **lamentations** cut through the silence.
  - 8. The **furtive** criminal activity of the town occurred right under the noses of the police.
  - 9. The final scene of the movie was disappointingly **melodramatic**
  - 10. The donkey was **obstinate** and would not move.
- Exercise 97-5: Fill in the Blanks**  
Fill in the blanks based on sentences from the novel using the provided definition (15 Marks)
- 1. I thought, of course, that is what all the \_\_\_\_\_ is about. *n. rambling or nonsense*
  - 2. A zombie can also be the spirit of a place, usually malignant but sometimes to be \_\_\_\_\_ with sacrifices or offerings of flowers and fruit. *n. to appease, past tense*
  - 3. It was as if he'd put his service mask on the savage \_\_\_\_\_(ful) face I had seen. *expressing disapproval, change a list word to an adjective*
  - 4. If these mountains challenge me, or Baptiste's face, or Antoinette's eyes, they are mistaken, \_\_\_\_\_, unreal. *adj. relating to sensationalized actions*
  - 5. I thought that his large \_\_\_\_\_ eyes and his expression of utter bewilderment were comical. *adj. bulging or swollen*
  - 6. The music was gay but the words were sad and her voice often \_\_\_\_\_ and broke on the high note. *n. to shake*
  - 7. You imagine \_\_\_\_\_ which doesn't exist. *n. hatred between enemies*
  - 8. Had she given way to that man Richard's arguments, threats probably, I wouldn't trust far, or to my half-serious \_\_\_\_\_ and promises? *n. flattering comments, plural form required*
  - 9. No begins letters, no mean requests. None of the \_\_\_\_\_ shabby manoeuvres of a younger son. *adj. characterized by stealth*
  - 10. If she was a child she was not a stupid child but an \_\_\_\_\_ one. *adj. stubborn and unyielding*
  - 11. When I hear you coming I take a good shot of rum, and then I take a glass of water to cool me down, but it don't cool me down, it run out of my eyes in tears and \_\_\_\_\_. *n. expressions of grief or despair*
  - 12. I saw it hanging, the colour of fire and sunset. The color of the \_\_\_\_\_ flowers. *adj. richly colored*
  - 13. She looked very \_\_\_\_\_ I thought. *adj. condescendingly proud*
  - 14/15. It was often raining when I woke during the night, a light \_\_\_\_\_ *adj. unpredictable* shower, dancing playful rain, or hushed muted, growing louder, more persistent, more powerful, and \_\_\_\_\_ *adj. impossible to stop* sound.