

# Nota Bene: H

## H

**habeas corpus:** that you have the body; a legal writ to end unlawful restraint by bringing a prisoner into court

**harbinger:** a herald; the foreshadowing of a future event; one sent in advance

**hackneyed:** without originality, trite

**haiku:** a Japanese form of poetry

**halcyon:** tranquil; prosperous, carefree

**hallow:** to establish as holy; to extend the highest possible honor; to ascribe holiness to someone or something

**harrow:** to cultivate with a harrow; to torment or vex

**haphazard:** irregular; governed by chance

**hapless:** luckless, unfortunate

**harangue:** a scolding, especially a lengthy one delivered in a public setting

**harbinger:** a forerunner

**hardtack:** a hard biscuit once common in the rations of sailors and soldiers

**haughty:** overly proud

**haute couture:** high fashion

**haute cuisine:** gourmet preparation of food

**hedonism:** the view that pleasure is the sole good

**hegemony:** leadership or prominent influence

**heinous:** evil, reprehensible

**herbicide:** a chemical that kills plants

**herculean:** from Hercules, the Roman hero who won immortality by strength

**heretic:** choice; a person that differs with the tenet(s) of a particular belief system

**heterogeneous:** different

**heuristic:** learning by experimentation or by “trial and error”

**hiatus:** an interruption or break

**hic jacet \_\_\_\_\_:** here lies \_\_\_\_\_

**hierarchy:** a ranking of people, things, or ideas from highest to lowest

**hieroglyphics:** sacred carvings

**holistic:** emphasizing wholeness and/or the cooperation of the constituent members of a thing

**homage:** display of special respect or honor

**hominid:** a member of the animal family to which humans belong

**homogeneous:** uniform, made entirely of one thing

**homonym:** a word that sounds the same as another word

**homophonic:** having one voice or part or melody

**hoodwink:** to deceive by trickery or false appearances; to dupe

**hone:** to improve and make more acute or affective

**honi soit qui mal y pense (French):** shame be to him that evil thinks

**horribile dictu:** amazing or terrifying statement

**hotel dieu (French):** a hospital

**hotspur:** a quick-tempered, impulsive person

**hubris:** excessive pride

**humanism:** the view that man is the highest value and authority in terms of knowledge or behavior, rather than any transcendent reality or revelation

**hyperbole:** to exaggerate or make greater

**hyperopia:** farsightedness

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**hyperthermia:** extreme increase of body heat

**hypothermia:** extreme loss of body heat

**hypothesis:** a proposition assumed as a premise to an argument; a hypothetical proposition is a compound proposition of the form “if  $p$ , then  $q$ ”