

Vocabulary Worksheet for John Banville's *Mrs Osmond*

Directions: Match the columns. Write the letters on the lines. Note that there is one more word than there are definitions.

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| 1. ____ emptying | A. instauration |
| 2. ____ low spirits, sad | B. fiacre |
| 3. ____ renewal | C. speculation |
| 4. ____ before the Fall | D. ephebe |
| 5. ____ breach of manners | E. solecism |
| 6. ____ bright crimson | F. inspissatedly |
| 7. ____ small carriage | G. durance vile |
| 8. ____ radiant | H. vastation |
| 9. ____ mentally lethargic | I. bathetic |
| 10. ____ waxed cloth to clothe a
corpse | J. megrims |
| 11. ____ wormlike | K. cerement |
| 12. ____ goat-antelope | L. inganno |
| 13. ____ anticlimactic | M. prelapsarian |
| 14. ____ long prison sentence | N. hebetudinous |
| 15. ____ thickly | O. effulgent |
| 16. ____ embezzling | P. vermiform |
| 17. ____ young trainee | R. chamois |
| | S. incarnadine |

Answers:

1. H
2. J
3. A
4. M
5. E
6. S
7. B
8. O
9. N
10. K
11. P
12. R
13. I
14. G
15. F
16. C
17. D

L. Inganno is Italian for “deception”