Bergen Evans Vocabulary #21-30, March 2013

Use a dictionary to define the words below. Be sure to use the definition as it applies to how the word is used in the sentence. Find roots &/or meanings when instructed. Connect to *The Things They Carried*.

21. **impolitic (adj) impoliticness (n)** It was *impolitic* of you to praise blondes to a brunette.
   
   Definition: ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

22. **incipient (adj) incipience (n)** *Incipient* despotism often masks as public service. an *incipient* solar system. *incipient* racial tensions. Definition: ____________________________________________________________
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   Root word from Latin = ____________ meaning ________________  Think Inception.

23. **ingenuous (adj) ingenuousness (n)** Children are too *ingenuous* to know when to keep quiet.
   
   Definition: ____________________________________________________________
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24. **innuendo (n)** I don’t want to hear any of your *innuendoes*; say what you mean! Definition: ____________________________________________________________
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25. **irascible (adj) irascibleness (n)** Everybody was afraid of arousing the boss’ *irascible* temper.
   
   Definition: ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

26. **limpid (adj) limpidness (n)** Mountain rivers are so *limpid* you can see every pebble on their *beds*. Definition: ____________________________________________________________
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27. **malevolent (adj) malevolence (n)** In the story, a *malevolent* witch attempts to thwart the hero.
   
   Definition: ____________________________________________________________
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   Root word from Latin = *mal* meaning __________

28. **metamorphosis (n) metamorphic (adj)** In her four years at college, the shy country girl *underwent a complete* *metamorphosis*, graduating as a sophisticated young woman.
   
   Definition: ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

   from ____________, meaning “change” and ________________, meaning “form” or “shape”
29. niggardly (adj) niggardliness (n) He was so niggardly he hated to pay for a postage stamp.

Definition: ________________________________________________________________

30. nuance (n) The French say truth lies in nuances. Definition: ____________________________

Make a connection between *The Things They Carried* and these vocabulary words. Explain the
connection. (Try to connect at least 3 words now; continue as we read the book.)

21) irascible

22) innuendo

23) ingenuous

24) incipient

25) impolitic

26) limpid

27) malevolent

28) metamorphosis

29) niggardly

30) nuance