**Vocabulary from Essay: The Fear of Losing Culture**

**Vacillate**: verb (used without object), vacillated, vacillating.

1. to waver in mind or opinion; be indecisive or irresolute:

His tendency to vacillate makes him a poor leader.

**Edenic**: adjective-noun

1. (Old Testament) Also called Garden of Eden. the garden in which Adam and Eve were placed at the Creation

2. a delightful place, region, dwelling, etc; paradise

3. a state of great delight, happiness, or contentment; bliss

**Plate- glass door:** noun

1. a soda-lime-silica glass formed by rolling the hot glass into a plate that is subsequently ground and polished, used in large windows, mirrors, etc.

**Pieties:** noun, plural pieties.

2. the quality or state of being pious:

saintly piety.

3. dutiful respect or regard for parents, homeland, etc.:

filial piety.

**Predicament:** noun

1. an unpleasantly difficult, perplexing, or dangerous situation.

**Notoriety:** noun, plural notorieties.

1. the state, quality, or character of being notorious or widely known:

a craze for notoriety.

# Assimilation: noun

# 1.the process of adapting or adjusting to the culture of a group or nation, or the state of being so adapted: “*assimilation of immigrants into American life”*

**Inflatable:** adjective

1. capable of being [inflated](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/inflated).

**Synthesis:** noun

1. a complex whole formed by combining.

**Litany:** noun

1. a prolonged or tedious account:

*“We heard the whole litany of their complaints.”*

**Minaret:** noun

1. a lofty, often slender, tower or turret attached to a mosque, surrounded by or furnished with one or more balconies, from which the muezzin calls the people to prayer

**Communal:** adjective

1. of, by, or belonging to the people of a [community](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/community); shared or participated in by the public:

communal land; “*Building the playground was a communal project.”*

**Mestizo:** noun

1. a person of racially mixed ancestry, especially, in Latin America, of mixed American Indian and European, usually Spanish or Portuguese, ancestry, or, in the Philippines, of mixed native and foreign ancestry.

**Unambiguous:** adjective

1. not [ambiguous](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/ambiguous), or unclear; distinct; unequivocal:

The object of the experiment was to reach an unambiguous conclusion about climate change.

**Fledgling:** adjective

1. young, new, or inexperienced:

a fledgling diver.

**Parochial:** adjective

1. very limited or narrow in scope or outlook; provincial:

parochial views; a parochial mentality.

**Miscegenation:** noun

1. the mixing or a mixture of races by interbreeding.

**Confluence:** noun

1.a coming together of people or things; concourse