

Correct and Exact Words

In the following sentences, write the correct or exact word choice in the blank.

Example: Francis Bacon thought it a serious offense to destroy a book because the work was the writer's (immorality, immortality). Immortality

1. Classical pieces of writing maintain their (relevance, reverence) to the human condition for centuries. _____
2. The duration of a work often attests (for, to) its classical qualities. _____
3. Ezra Pound once (acclaimed, asserted), "Literature is news that stays news." _____
4. Writers of classical works do not (attend, contend) to different subjects from those of ordinary writers. _____
5. The (allusion, hallucination, illusion) that great themes are treated only in the classics is a common one. _____
6. Great themes are not the (exclusive, inclusive) property of classical writers. _____
7. Many (a, the) mediocre work has treated a classical theme like innocence versus experience. _____
8. It is (plain as day, clear) that the universal theme of success versus failure is found in most popular fiction. _____
9. What (discriminates, distinguishes) a classic from ordinary writing is the quality of the writing. _____
10. The development of a distinct style is related (to, with) the freedom to use the language to serve one's purpose. _____