



### Terms to Know (*The Divine Comedy*)

- **Canto** – chapter of the poem
- **Simoniacs/Simony**– those who sell church favors (like indulgences, relics, positions of power given for money or favors)
- **Avarice/Avaricious** – greed
- **Prodigal/Prodigality** – extravagant wastefulness, spendthrift
- **Wrathful** – angry, mean person
- **Slothful** – lazy, aversion to work
- **Glutton** – overindulgence in anything, consuming immoderate amounts of food/drink
- **Limbo** – the abode of souls who cannot go to heaven because of circumstances beyond their control, and they don't really deserve to go to hell either.
- **Heresy** – an opinion/doctrine in conflict with established religious beliefs.
- **Soothsayer** – someone who tells the future – fortune teller
- **Falsifier** - makes fake items that imitates the real ones or falsifies (makes fake) information
- **Blasphemy** – a contemptuous or profane act, utterance, or writing concerning God.
- **Usury** – those who lend money at an exorbitant rate and take advantage of others financially.
- **Incontinence** – not able to control oneself, unrestrained.
- **Malice** – hate; a desire to harm others and see them suffer.
- **Pander/panderer**- one who leads another person astray (into sin).
- **Papacy** – the office and jurisdiction of the Pope.
- **Contrapasso** – the punishment fits the crime (sin).
- **Barrater** – a person who stirs up senseless quarrels (fights) and lawsuits and as a result injures someone emotionally or gets their property taken away
- **Grafter** – gaining money or position by corrupt means –extortion