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aspirant

(n) One who seeks earnestly, as for advancement, honors, place.

aspiration

(n) An earnest wish for that which is above one's present reach.

aspire

(v) To have an earnest desire, wish, or longing, as for something high and good, not yet attained.

assailant

(n) One who attacks.

assassin

(n) One who kills, or tries to kill, treacherously or secretly.

assassinate

(v) To kill, as by surprise or secret assault, especially the killing of some eminent person.

assassination

(n) Murderer, as by secret assault or treachery.

assay

(n) The chemical analysis or testing of an alloy ore.
