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| aspirant | (n) One who seeks earnestly, as for advancement, honors, place. |
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| aspiration | (n) An earnest wish for that which is above one's present reach. |
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| aspire | (v) To have an earnest desire, wish, or longing, as for something high and good, not yet attained. |
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| assailant | (n) One who attacks. |
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| assassin | (n) One who kills, or tries to kill, treacherously or secretly. |
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| assassinate | (v) To kill, as by surprise or secret assault, especially the killing of some eminent person. |
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| assassination | (n) Murderer, as by secret assault or treachery. |
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| assay | (n) The chemical analysis or testing of an alloy ore. |
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