

A Rake's Progress



Match the following nouns with their definitions.

protagonist	a law officer who removes the possessions of people who cannot pay their debts
inventory	a rich and fashionable man who has low moral standards (old-fashioned)
estate	an old woman who is not married (old-fashioned)
aristocrat	involvement in a situation in order to improve it
hangers-on	a person from a family of high social rank
pursuit of pleasure	the main character in a story
undoing	a person who is severely mentally ill (old-fashioned and now offensive)
downfall	looking for happiness
chamber	all the property and money that someone leaves when they die
bailiff	a false belief about yourself or your situation
intervention	the reason someone is unsuccessful in life
commotion	the loss of someone's money, power, social position
rake	people who try to be friendly with a rich or famous person to get some benefit
venue	private room (old use)
spinster	a list of all the objects in a building
nobleman	hospital for people who were mentally ill (old use)
asylum	people born in the highest social class, who have special titles
delusions	sudden noisy confusion or excitement
lunatic	a place for an organised event