**Frightful’s Mountain Unit 2 Vocabulary**

**Part 1:**

Eddy-a circular current

Cupola—structure built on top of a roof

Falconer—a person who hunts with falcons or hawks and trains them for hunting

Incognito— keeping one’s true identity secret

Thicket—a group of bushes or small trees that grow close together

Pellet—a wad of indigestible material regurgitated by a bird of prey

Thermal—a rising body of warm air

Hacking porch—a board on which a hawk is fed

Nestling—a young bird that has not left the nest

Ravenously—eagerly or greedily wanting food, satisfaction, or gratification

**Part 2**

Paternalism—acting like a father

Galapagos Islands—the volcanic islands off the coast of Ecuador in the eastern Pacific Ocean

Winter solstice—the time at which the sun appears at noon at its lowest altitude above the horizon; in the Northern Hemisphere, it is usually around December 22

Magnetic pull—the earth has two magnet-like pulls made by swirling motions of molten iron, one at the North Pole and one at the South Pole

Contentment—the state of being happy and satisfied

Accumulated—gathered or acquired (something) gradually as time passes

Biological clock—a system in the body that controls the occurrence of natural processes