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Chapter One: “The Matthew Effect”

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| Vocabulary  | Definition  | Sample Sentence |
| Dignitary | A person of high official position or rank, especially in government or the church |  |
| Tumultuous | Marked by unrest or disturbance; stormy  |  |
| Meritocracy | A system in which advancement is based on individual ability or achievement |  |
| Virtuoso | A person with masterly skill or technique in the arts |  |
| Menial | Of or relating to work or a job regarded as servile |  |
| To unravel | To clarify the elements of something mysterious; solve; to undo or ravel the entangled |  |
| Ecology | The science of the relationships between organisms and their environments |  |
| Eligibility | Qualification, suitability  |  |
| Outlandish | Bizarre, strange  |  |
| Dismissive | Not showing interest, insulting  |  |