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Roots of Rarity

Directions: Discover the hidden histories behind these uncommon words! Read each sentence carefully, then trace the **origin** (language of origin and root meaning) of the **bolded** word. Finally, write how that origin helps you understand the word's modern meaning.

1. The scientist's discovery was **serendipitous**, leading to a breakthrough no one expected.

Origin: _____ | Root Meaning: _____

2. Her **melancholy** mood seemed to linger even as the sun returned after the storm.

Origin: _____ | Root Meaning: _____

3. The ancient statue was **labyrinthine**, with narrow corridors twisting in every direction.

Origin: _____ | Root Meaning: _____

4. He gave a **panacea** to cure all ailments, though none believed it would truly work.

Origin: _____ | Root Meaning: _____

5. The queen's **magnanimous** act of forgiving her rival won the hearts of her people.

Origin: _____ | Root Meaning: _____