

DOUBLE JEOPARDY (answer)

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A 20-sided structure is built by sliding the slits together so that words are formed at their centers. The resulting structure looks like this:



Each face's center has a nine-letter word, reading clockwise, formed from three letters on the face and 6 letters contributed (in pairs) by neighbor faces. The words formed on the faces are:

YEARNINGS
TERRORISM
DENOUNCES
PROFESSES
PARTICLES
DEFEATING
SAPPHIRES
SHIFTLESS
REPEATING
SATELLITE
LETHARGIC
FISHERIES
CASTIGATE
ELECTRODE

CRESCENDO
MAGICIANS
SPEARMINT
STORMIEST
TOLERANCE
STATEMENT

Each of the faces also has a red triangle on it, which is underneath a pair of letters in the word. These bigrams, when ordered according to the rules in the puzzle instructions, produce the message:

THE NINE CIRCLES OF HELL ARE FROM THIS DANTE EPIC

Yielding the answer:

DIVINE COMEDY