

Powerful Vocabulary for Weaving Ideas into Essays

Purpose: In order to score on an 8/9 level for an AP essay, it is essential to have a bank of words you have memorized so you may implement these easily into your written AP essays for the exam. Therefore, you will be required to come up with a list of _____ words this quarter over the course of _____ times to add to your conscious bank of vocabulary from which to pull for your writing. For each word chosen, you will need to use your assigned Major Literary Analysis text. You do not need to locate the word inside of the text; instead, use the word to help explain the plot line, characterization, themes, motifs, etc. of your work. Use the following example below to guide you.

Example + Vocab Word + Explanation or Significance

(CD)

(CM)

Below is how you should format your paper. Be sure to notate, format, and highlight your paper exactly as it is seen below. Consider printing your paper in color or using a highlighter to differentiate your concrete detail from your commentary. Note: Only higher-level words will be given credit. If you are unsure if your chosen words are high level or not, please see Mrs. Patterson before you begin creating your document.

1. **Word:** Suggests
Part of Speech: Verb
Purpose: Literary Essay

Example from *The Pearl*: The act of hurling the pearl into the sea (Concrete Detail)
suggests that the beauty of the soul cannot be bought. (Commentary)

Active Verbs

The following verbs are helpful as a means of showing how an example or quote in literature supports an idea or interpretation.

Literary Essay	Report or Persuasive Essay that refers to an expert's opinion or research studies	Report or Persuasive Essay that describes beginnings, causes, effects, etc.	Persuasive Essay that refers to the possibilities of what ideas can do, create, or assist with	Report or Persuasive Essay that involves laws or legal proposals
Alludes to Attests Clarifies Confirms Conveys Denotes Depicts Determines Displays Emphasizes Entails Establishes Exemplifies Explains Exposes Expounds Highlights Hints Illustrates Implies Connotes Indicates Portrays Represents Reveals Shows Signifies Substantiates Suggests Typifies Underscores	Analyzes Assumes Concludes Confirms Considers Construes Deduces Deliberates Demonstrates Examines Explores Identifies Imparts Indicates Maintains Manifests Misconstrues Observes Perceives Pinpoints Presumes Questions Reasons Refers Remarks Scrutinizes Speculates Substantiates Supports Supposes Theorizes Upholds Validates Verifies	Advances Affects Compels Discovers Empowers Forces Generates Ignites Impacts Imposes Incites Includes Influences Initiates Initiates Commences Instigates Introduces Involves Kindles Launches Leads to Presents Pressures Promotes Prompts Provokes Results in Sparks Stimulates Triggers Yields	Accomplishes Achieves Aids Alleviates Ameliorates Assembles Assists Attains Attempts Augments Builds Constructs Delivers Develops Discourages Emits Encourages Engenders Enhances Enriches Establishes Expands Facilitates Grants Improves Increases Manufactures Offers Produces Progresses Provides Reaches Supplies Transforms	Authorizes Allows Permits Sanctions Licenses Documents Consents Forbids Prohibits Disallows Endorses Bans Secures Guarantees Bars Outlaws Inhibits Hinders Prevents Precludes Thwarts Averts Defends Protects Safeguards Guards Neglects

Analytical Verbs

A strong analytical statement requires a strong analytical verb. Your analytical statements should have one of the verbs from the list below to show what exactly your essay aims to prove. A strong analytical verb ensures that your essay does not merely indicate something that definitely happens in the literature, but rather, what the author intended.

Verbs that Move Toward Analysis

Advocates
Alludes to
Articulates
Asserts
Balances
Builds
Bolsters
Catalogs
Categorizes
Characterizes
Clarifies
Classifies
Collates
Compares
Concludes
Confirms
Continues
Contrasts
Conveys
Correlates to
Creates
Critiques
Debates
Defends
Depicts
Details
Develops
Differentiates
Elevates
Elicits
Emphasizes
Employs
Establishes
Expands
Expresses
Facilitates
Frames
Gathers
Generates

Verbs that Move Toward Analysis

Frames
Gathers
Generates
Guides
Highlights
Identifies
Illustrates
Implements
Implies
Informs
Integrates
Moves
Perpetuates
Persuades
Portrays
Presents
Promotes
Propels
Proposes
Provoke
Raises
Recalls
Reduces
Relates
Reinforces
Represents
Responds
Reveals
Revitalizes
Shows
States
Strengthens
Substantiates
Suggests
Supports
Underlines
Validates
Verifies

Phrases that Show Comparison/Contrast

In contrast to...

Similarly,

While that..., this too

This_____ is analogous to

Phrases That Move Toward Analysis

By extension

Juxtaposed against

A vehicle for

Words to Describe Tone

calm or angry

strident or wistful

arrogant or modest

detached or sentimental

sincere or ironic

condescending or reverent

Concepts to Consider

Irony – ironic

paradoxes and dichotomies

analogy – analogous

satire – satiric

contrasts/shifts

Jargon of Analysis

imagery – progression of

imagery

diction: register and level

syntax

voice

persona and/or speaker

shifts

structure

symbolism

conventional

original

figures of speech

tropes

rhetorical figures

metaphor

vehicle

tenor

Syntax (grammar/structure)

exclamatory

rhetorical

declarative

interrogative

imperative

loose or periodic sentences

parallel structure

asyndeton

polysyndeton

anaphora

anastrophe / inversion