**Academic Vocabulary**

1. **affixes** prefixes and suffixes
2. **alliteration** the repetition (repeating) of the beginning sound of words in a line of poetry or sentence
3. **allusion** a reference to an important person, place, event or thing
4. **analogy** an expression that shows similarity between two unlike things
5. **analyze** to break something down into parts to examine it
6. **antecedent** a word, phrase, or clause a pronoun refers to
7. **author’s purpose** an author’s reason for writing
8. **cause and effect** a relationship between an event and its results
9. **character traits** physical and/or personality descriptions of a character
10. **compare and contrast** to tell how things are alike or different
11. **conflict** struggle or clash
12. **connotation** a feeling attached to a word
13. **context clues** information from the surrounding words that gives meaning to an unknown word
14. **descriptive writing** writing that describes
15. **dialect** an area’s variety of language
16. **draw conclusions** to make a judgment or decision
17. **euphemism** a more pleasant way of saying something that might be inappropriate or uncomfortable
18. **evaluate** to determine quality based on evidence
19. **expository writing** writing that informs
20. **figurative language** figures of speech
21. **flashback** interrupting current events to present a past event
22. **fluency** using and understanding a language easily
23. **foreshadowing** use of clues to hint at coming events in a story
24. **genre** categories used to classify
25. **humor** text meant to entertain using funny situations
26. **hyperbole** an exaggeration or overstatement
27. **idiom** a phrase that cannot be understood literally
28. **imagery** use of sensory details to create pictures in the reader’s mind
29. **infer** to make an educated guess
30. **irony** when something happens that is opposite from what is expected
31. **main idea** what a text is “mostly about”
32. **metaphor** one thing is described as if it were something else
33. **mood** a feeling created in the reader
34. **narrative writing** writing that tells a story
35. **onomatopoeia** When words imitate sounds
36. **paraphrase** Using your own words to restate
37. **personification**  a non-human thing is given human qualities
38. **persuasive writing** writing that attempts to influence
39. **plot** the sequence of events in literature
40. **point of view** the perspective from which a story is told
41. **predict** to anticipate what might happen next
42. **pronoun** a word that takes the place of a noun
43. **propaganda techniques** techniques used to make arguments more persuasive
44. **repetition** repeated sounds, words, or phrases
45. **rhyme** repetition of sounds at the ends of words
46. **rhythm** a pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables
47. **root word** the base word without any affixes attached
48. **satire** the use of humor or sarcasm to criticize human problems
49. **setting** All the details of time and place
50. **simile** uses the words “like” or “as” to compare unlike things
51. **slang** Informal words or phrases used in casual conversation
52. **sound devices:** Techniques used by writers to give musical effects to their writing
53. **stanza** A group of lines in poetry
54. **style** a writer’s particular use of language (also called voice)
55. **sub plot**  Smaller story within the larger story
56. **summary** A brief statement that presents only the important details of a text.
57. **symbolism** The use of symbols that stand for or represent something else
58. **theme** The central message in a literary work
59. **tone** The author’s attitude toward the subject or the audience
60. **understatement** when something important is presented as less important

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| 1 | descriptive writing | expository writing | narrative writing | persuasive writing |
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