**Essay Vocabulary**

**Active Voice**

acknowledges

admonishes

alludes

appeals

argues

articulates

asserts

attests

captains

casts

challenges

champions

charts

clarifies

commands

commemorates

complies (with)

concedes

confirms

connotes

contends

contrives

conveys

dedicates

defines

delineates

demonstrates

denigrates

denounces

denies

depicts

describes

determines

devises

diffuses

discerns

discusses

dissects

elaborates

embellishes

embroiders

encourages

endows

enhances

enlists

enunciates

evokes

expedites

explores

exposes

expounds

expresses

eyes

fabricates

fashions

fields

forges

forwards

gauges

generates

honors

humors

illuminates

illustrates

immerses

implicates

imposes

indicates

infers

influences

initiates

inquires

inspects

inspires

instills

integrates

intends

imitates

introduces

invokes

judges

justifies

juxtaposes

laments

learns

magnifies

maintains

marshals

mocks

moderates

monitors

motivates

musters

narrates

opposes

perfects

permits

persists

persuades

portrays

practices

praises

preaches

predicts

prefers

prescribes

probes

projects

prompts

pronounces

provokes

questions

realizes

recognizes

recommends

records

refers

reflects

reinforces

relates

reminds

reports

reprehends

requires

revives

satisfies

scorns

seeks

seizes

separates

serves

shapes

sketches

spawns

speculates

stirs

summarizes

summons

sustains

teaches

threatens

translates

trumpets

urges

ushers

validates

veils

verifies

vindicates

wagers

weaves

weights

wrestles

yearns

yields

**Tone**

affectionate

ambivalent

angry

annoyed

anxious

apprehensive

bewildered

biter

blunt

bossy

brusque

candid

casual

cheerful

choleric

cold

compassionate

conceited

conciliatory

confident

confused

contentious

cynical

delighted

depressed

derisive

derogatory

desolate

desperate

diabolic

disappointed

doubtful

ebullient

effusive

elated

empathetic

encouraging

enraged

euphoric

excited

expectant

fatalistic

fearful

fervent

foreboding

frantic

frightened

frustrated

furious

gleeful

gloomy

grave

greedy

grim

gushy

happy

haughty

hilarious

holier-than-thou

hopeless

humorous

impatient

incisive

incredulous

indignant

intimate

introspective

jocund

joyful

laidback

lethargic

lugubrious

melancholy

mirthful

miserable

mocking

mournful

mysterious

nervous

nostalgic

objective

ominous

optimistic

outspoken

paranoid

passionate

pathetic

pedantic

pensive

pessimistic

petulant

pithy

playful

proud

psychotic

relaxed

reticent

romantic

sad

sanguine

sardonic

scared

scornful

selfish

serene

serious

silly

sinister

skeptical

solemn

stressful

suspenseful

suspicious

sympathetic

tender

terse

thoughtful

timorous

uncaring

unconcerned

uneasy

unhappy

unsympathetic

upset

vitriolic

whimsical

wistful

worried

zealous

**Diction**

states

asserts

claims

affirms

voices

declares

announces

introduces

presents

distinguishes

notes

points out

identifies

indicates

signifies

focuses on

delineates

elucidates

clarifies

outlines

specifies

exemplifies

expands

extends

establishes

builds

composes

crafts

creates

shapes

layers

sets up

catalogues

enumerates

lists

proposes

offers

theorizes

muses

reflects

ponders

imagines

speculates

hypothesizes

philosophizes

alludes to

refers to

hints

implies (the reader infers)

suggests

characterizes

casts as

reveals

portrays

depicts

illustrates

traces

sketches

shows

unveils

discloses

uncovers

emphasizes

stresses

reiterates

underscores

underlines

highlights

accentuates

marks

enlivens

enriches

confers upon

colors

shadows

brightens

deepens

electrifies

galvanizes

energizes

dramatizes

quickens

slows

softens

mutes

contrasts

compares

juxtaposes

sets against

places beside

draws distinctions

differentiates

likens

patterns after

parallels

echoes

returns to

mimics

imitates

bases on

models

reaffirms

restates

repeats

reinforces

fortifies

solidifies

strengthens

defends

supports

informs

recounts

instructs

lectures

judges

awards

praises

admires

approves

confirms

agrees

assents

admits

confesses

concedes

contradicts

reverses

alters

articulates

expresses

impresses upon

argues

appeals

urges

counters

questions

queries

renounces

debates

refutes

denies

deduces

reasons

alleges

substantiates

interjects

interrupts

exclaims

cries

pronounces

undermines

manipulates

plays on

downplays

understates

insinuates

glosses over

whitewashes

masks

conceals

generalizes

diverts

entertains

surprises

entraps

tricks

deludes

mocks

quips

parodies

pokes fun at

exaggerates

inflates

burlesques

lampoons

lambastes

censures

reprimands

berates

excoriate

cautions

warns

foreshadows

foretells

predicts

prophecies