6th Grade Academic Vocabulary Study Sheet

1. analyze To examine carefully and in detail.

2. antagonist A character who opposes the protagonist.

annotate To add notes or comments to a text.

4. argument A set of reasons given to persuade others.

5. audience The intended readers of a text.

6. bias A tendency to favor one thing over another.

7. chapter A main division of a book.

8. citation A reference to a source of information.

9. claim To state something as true.

10. clarify To make clear and understandable.

11. compare To note the similarities between two or more things.

12. conclusion The end or finish of an event or process.

13. conflict A struggle between opposing forces.

14. context The circumstances or setting surrounding an event.

15. contrast To note the differences between two or more things.

16. credible Believable and trustworthy.

17. data Facts and statistics collected for analysis.

18. describe To give a detailed account in words.

19. detail A specific piece of information.

20. dialogue A conversation between characters.

21. draft A preliminary version of a written work.

22. edit To correct and prepare a text for publication.

23. evaluate To judge the value or condition of something.

24. evidence Information that supports a claim.

25. experiment A test to discover something unknown.

26. figurative Using figures of speech; symbolic.

27. genre A category of artistic work.

28. hypothesis An educated guess based on evidence.

29. infer To draw a conclusion based on evidence.

30. interpret To explain the meaning of something.

31. literal Taking words in their usual or most basic sense.

32. main idea The central point or message of a text.

33. metaphor A figure of speech that compares two things without using "like" or "as."

34. model A representation of something.

35. mood The feeling created by a text.

36. narrative A story or account of events.

37. observe To watch carefully.

38. objective Not influenced by personal feelings.

39. paraphrase To restate in different words.

40. perspective A particular attitude toward something.

41. plot The sequence of events in a story.

42. predict To say what will happen in the future.

43. protagonist The main character in a story.

44. publish To prepare and issue a text for public distribution.

45. quote To repeat someone else's words exactly.

46. research The careful study of a subject.

47. resolution The solution to a problem in a story.

48. revise To make changes to improve a text.

49. sequence The order in which events or steps occur.

50. setting The time and place of a story.

51. significance The importance of something.

52. simile A figure of speech that compares two things using "like" or "as."

53. subjective Based on personal feelings or opinions.

54. summarize To give a brief statement of the main points.

55. synthesize To combine different ideas to form a whole.

56. theme The central topic of a text.

57. theory An explanation based on evidence.

58. thesis A statement that presents the main argument.

59. tone The general character or attitude of a piece of writing.

60. variable An element that can change.