8th Grade Academic Vocabulary Study Sheet 2

1. diction The choice and use of words in speech or writing.

2. discuss To talk about a topic in detail.

3. evidence Information that supports a claim.

4. examine To inspect closely.

5. excerpt A short extract from a text.

6. explain To make something clear by describing it in more detail.

7. explicit Clearly stated and leaving no room for confusion.

8. fact A statement that can be proven true.

9. figurative Using figures of speech; symbolic.

10. foreshadow To indicate or hint at a future event.

11. formulate To create or devise methodically.

12. genre A category of artistic composition.

13. graphic Relating to visual art, especially involving drawing, engraving, or lettering.

14. hypothesis An educated guess based on evidence.

15. identify To recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing.

16. illustrate To explain or make clear using examples or images.

17. infer To deduce or conclude information from evidence.

18. interpret To explain the meaning of information or actions.

19. justify To show or prove to be right or reasonable.

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