

# 8th Grade Academic Vocabulary Study Sheet

1. analyze To examine in detail.
2. annotate To add notes or comments to a text.
3. argument A set of reasons to support a conclusion.
4. audience The intended readers or viewers of a text or presentation.
5. bibliography A list of sources used in research.
6. cause Something that brings about a result.
7. citation A reference to a source of information.
8. claim A statement that asserts a point, belief, or truth.
9. clarify To make clear or understandable.
10. conclusion The end or finish of an event or process.
11. conflict A struggle or clash between opposing forces.
12. context The circumstances surrounding a situation or event.
13. contrast To compare in order to show differences.
14. credibility The quality of being trusted and believed in.
15. critique A detailed analysis and assessment.
16. debate A formal discussion on a particular topic.
17. define To explain the meaning of a word or concept.
18. description A detailed account of something.
19. develop To grow or cause to grow and become more mature.
20. diagram A simplified drawing showing the appearance or workings of something.
21. diction The choice and use of words in speech or writing.
22. discuss To talk about a topic in detail.

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23. evidence	Information that supports a claim.
24. examine	To inspect closely.
25. excerpt	A short extract from a text.
26. explain	To make something clear by describing it in more detail.
27. explicit	Clearly stated and leaving no room for confusion.
28. fact	A statement that can be proven true.
29. figurative	Using figures of speech; symbolic.
30. foreshadow	To indicate or hint at a future event.
31. formulate	To create or devise methodically.
32. genre	A category of artistic composition.
33. graphic	Relating to visual art, especially involving drawing, engraving, or lettering.
34. hypothesis	An educated guess based on evidence.
35. identify	To recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing.
36. illustrate	To explain or make clear using examples or images.
37. infer	To deduce or conclude information from evidence.
38. interpret	To explain the meaning of information or actions.
39. justify	To show or prove to be right or reasonable.
40. main idea	The central point or message of a text.
41. metaphor	A figure of speech that compares two unlike things.
42. narrative	A spoken or written account of connected events.
43. objective	Not influenced by personal feelings; unbiased.
44. paraphrase	To restate in different words.
45. perspective	A particular attitude or way of viewing something.

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46. persuade	To convince someone to do or believe something.
47. plot	The sequence of events in a story.
48. predict	To say what will happen in the future.
49. primary	First in order of importance.
50. protagonist	The main character in a story.
51. purpose	The reason for which something is done.
52. quotation	A group of words taken from a text and repeated by someone other than the original author.
53. reasoning	The action of thinking about something in a logical way.
54. rebuttal	A refutation or contradiction.
55. reference	The action of mentioning or alluding to something.
56. research	The systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources.
57. resolution	The solution to a conflict or problem in a story.
58. revise	To re-examine and make alterations to.
59. rhetoric	The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing.
60. secondary	Coming after, less important than, or resulting from something primary.
61. sequence	The order in which events happen.
62. setting	The time and place of a story.
63. significance	The quality of being worthy of attention.
64. simile	A figure of speech comparing two unlike things using "like" or "as."
65. source	A place, person, or thing from which something comes.
66. strategy	A plan of action designed to achieve a long-term goal.
67. structure	The arrangement of and relations between the parts of something complex.
68. style	The way in which something is written, expressed, or performed.

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69. summarize To give a brief statement of the main points.
70. support To bear all or part of the weight; to hold up.
71. symbolism The use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.
72. synthesize To combine a number of things into a coherent whole.
73. theme The central topic or idea explored in a text.
74. thesis A statement or theory put forward to be maintained or proved.
75. tone The general attitude of a piece of writing.
76. topic The subject of a text, conversation, or discussion.
77. transition A change from one state or condition to another.
78. variable An element, feature, or factor that is liable to vary or change.
79. verify To make sure or demonstrate that something is true.
80. viewpoint Another term for perspective or opinion.