Vocabulary for Writing about Literature

*(an incomplete list)*

## ***To say what a writer or narrator does:***

* alludes to
* alters
* asserts
* changes
* clarifies
* compares
* conjures up
* connotes
* constrains
* construes
* contradicts
* contrasts
* conveys
* creates
* delineates
* demonstrates
* depicts
* describes
* differentiates
* dispels
* elicits
* emphasizes
* enhances
* enunciates
* establishes
* evokes
* explains
* explores
* heightens/lessens
* hints at
* ignites
* illuminates
* implies
* inspires
* invokes
* juxtaposes
* maintains
* manipulates
* masters
* paints
* portrays
* produces
* refutes
* reinforces
* repudiates
* reveals
* shifts
* shows *(weak)*
* solidifies
* stirs
* suggests
* tackles
* transcends
* twists
* uses *(weak)*
* utilizes*(über-weak)*

## ***To name the tools the writer uses:***

* comic details
* details
* diction
* figurative language
* foreshadowing
* imagery, images
* irony
* plot details
* point of view
* setting
* symbols
* syntax
* tone

## ***To name the effect on a reader:***

* anger
* awareness
* connections
* contrasts
* empathy, sympathy, apathy, antipathy
* impact
* intensity
* laughter
* mood
* pathos / bathos
* shock
* lassitude/tedium