Evaluative Language

Descriptive Adjectives:

to describe the effectiveness or style of the authorial techniques

- Compelling
- Credible
- Authentic
- **Intricate**
- **Sophisticated**
- Nuanced
- Stark •
- Vivid
- Effective •
- Innovative
- Masterful
- Poignant
- Insightful •
- Persuasive
- Graceful
- Robust
- Sublime
- **Jarring**
- **Evocative**

Discussing Meaning: to evaluate the thematic significance of literary devices

- **Symbolic**
- Thematic
- Allegorical
- Representative
- **Indicative**
- Metaphorical
- Interpretative
- Illustrative •
- **Emblematic**
- Suggestive •
- Insightful
- Demonstrative
- Reflective
- Connotative

Impact Verbs: to articulate how the author's choices impact the reader or the narrative

- **Enhances**
- **Portrays**
- **Depicts**
- Suggests
- **Mirrors**
- Highlights
- Underscores
- **Emphasizes**
- Illuminates
- Reinforces
- Accentuates
- Challenges
- **Exposes**
- Foreshadows
- **Juxtaposes**
- **Ouestions**
- Reveals
- **Symbolizes**
- Transforms

Comparative Language: to compare and contrast the work with other texts or within itself

- Similarly
- Conversely
- Unlike
- As opposed to
- Comparable to
- Differing from
- In contrast to
- Similarly to
- In the same vein
- Nevertheless
- However
- On the other hand
- While / Although / Even though

Impact on Reader: to evaluate how authorial choices influence the reader's perception or emotions

- **Engaging**
- Enlightening
- Disturbing
- Provocative
- Moving
- Disorienting
- Comforting
- Challenging
- Confusing
- Alarming • **Amusing**
- **Baffling** •
- Calming
- Enlightening
- Horrifying
- Soothing
- Stimulating
- Unsettling
- **Uplifting**
- Dismaying
- Gratifying
- **Perplexing**
- Reassuring
- Satisfying

Adverbs for Emphasis: to emphasize the degree or manner in which the author executes techniques

- Masterfully
- Effectively
- Authentically
- Uniquely
- Subtly
- **Explicitly** •
- Deliberately
- **Poignantly**
- Dramatically
- Ironically
- Remarkably
- Surprisingly
- Consistently Occasionally
- Rarely
- Frequently
- Abruptly
- Gently
- Meticulously
- Aggressively