8th Grade Summer Vocab

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- 1. **abstract:** Existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or concrete existence.
- 2. **acquire:** To gain possession of

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- analogy: A comparison of two different things that are similar in some way
- 4. articulate: (v.) To pronounce distinctly; to express well in words; to fit together into a system; (adj.) able to use language effectively; expressed clearly and forcefully
- 5. **cite:** (v.) to quote; to mention; to summon to appear in court; to commend, recommend
- 6. clarify: to make clear or easier to understand
- 7. coherance: all the components of the piece are arranged in unity of purpose and meaning.
- 8. concrete: real or tangible
- 9. **conflict:** A struggle between opposing forces
- 10. **context:** 1. The parts before or after a word or statement that influence its meaning
- IL convey: (v.) to transport; to transmit; to communicate, make known; to transfer ownership or title to
- 12. crucial: (adj.) of supreme importance, decisive, critical
- 13. deter: To discourage or prevent from taking action
- 14. devices: A particular word pattern or combination of words used in a literary work to evoke a desired effect or arouse a desired reaction in the reader
- 15. differentiate: (v.) to distinguish, to make different
- emphasis: Special importance, value, or prominence given to something.
- 17. **enhance:** (v.) to raise to a higher degree; to increase the value or desirability of
- 18. epilogue: A short poem or speech spoken directly to the audience following the conclusion of a play, or in a novel the epilogue is a short explanation at the end of the book which indicates what happens after the plot ends.
- 19. **figurative:** Language that cannot be taken literally since it was written to create a special effect or feeling.
- 20. **genre:** A category or type of literature (or of art, music, etc.) characterized by a particular form, style, or content.
- 21. **illustrate:** clarify by giving an example of
- 22. impact: an effect or result
- 23. **imply:** A speaker or writer suggests an idea without expressing it outright or directly.
- 24. indicate: give evidence of
- 25. infer: A conclusion one can draw from the presented details.
- 26. intention: an aim, plan, or purpose
- 27. interpret: A judgement based upon a collection of evidence
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- 29. irrelevant: Having nothing to do with the subject

- 30. **metaphor:** A comparison that establishes a figurative identity between objects being compared.
- 31. **motivation:** A character's incentive or reason for behaving in a certain manner; that which impels a character to act
- 32. **objective:** Factual, related to reality or physical objects; not influenced by emotions, unbiased
- 33. obscure: (adj) unknown; hard to understand; dark
- 34. omit: To leave out
- 35. **paraphrase:** (v.) to restate in other words; (n.)a statement that presents a given idea in new language
- 36. perspective: (n.) a point of view or general standpoint from which different things are viewed, physically or mentally; the appearance to the eye of various objects at a given time, place, or distance
- 37. pertinent: (adj.) related to the matter at hand, to the point
- 38. plagarism: using others' ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of information
- 39. prologue: A speech, passage, or event coming before the main speech or event
- 40. relevance: relation to the matter
- 41. **revise:** To change in order to improve or to include new information
- 42. **significance:** the quality of being important or of giving meaning
- 43. spontaneous: (adj.) arising naturally; not planned or engineered in advanc
- 44. **substantiate:** (v.) to establish by evidence, prove; to give concrete or substantial form to
- 45. **suggest:** Propose a solution, hypothesis or other possible answer.
- 46. summarize: To capture all the most important parts of the original story, but express them in a much shorter space, and in the readers own words.
- 47. **symbolic:** Using actions and symbols rather than words to convey an idea
- 48. **transition:** A word or phrase that links one idea to the next and carries the reader from sentence to sentence, paragraph to paragraph
- 49. **underlying:** The main, primary, or basic cause of a thing
- 50. validity: the quality of being logically or factually sound