**What Writers Do**

Another Incomplete List

*Consider these verbs for sentences about the effects of what writers do. Practice with structures like the samples here will help you avoid summarizing plots or paraphrasing poetry by keeping the focus where you want it—on the writers. The words in brackets from the list offer only a few samples of where the thought may be going. For each statement, though, follow through and explain the effect of what the writers do. Sentences will end differently depending on the idea your paragraph is developing. They may relate to how the writer is developing a character or to the effect of the use of a literary device or to a variety of other purposes.*

* The effect of Shakespeare’s having Lady Macbeth walk in her sleep is to [*recall/portray/arouse...*]….
* The effect of Morrison’s creation of Pilot as a woman with no navel is to [*suggest/evoke/juxtapose…*]….
* The effect of Wilbur’s uses the nature imagery in the central stanza isto [*heighten/imply/reinforce…*]….

## SUGGESTION

allude to

hint at

imply

offer

suggest

## TENOR

lighten relieve

brighten

darken

reduce, subdue

mute

## TIME & PACE

quicken, accelerate

delay, slow

anticipate

foretell, presage

recall, remind

## PRESENTATION

introduce

reveal

show, portray

demonstrate

conclude

## ARRANGEMENT

group

order

align, array

coordinate

repeat, reflect

juxtapose

respond

differentiate

compare, contrast

## CHANGE

alter

change

shift

manipulate

temper

qualify

restore, refresh

embellish

transcend

## EVOCATION

create

establish

arouse, awaken

conjure up

elicit, evoke

ignite

inspire

invoke

provoke, stir

## ASSERTION

assert

convey

affirm

maintain

indicate

explain

clarify

signify

explore

## INTENSITY

## CRITICISM

strengthen, reinforce

heighten

intensify, fortify

increase, augment

amplify

emphasize, underscore

enhance

solidify

substantiate

support

lessen

weaken

diminish

dispel

promote

praise

exalt, extol

glorify

subordinate

oppose

refute

criticize

reject, repudiate

deplore

attack, condemn

ridicule, deride

mock

parody