

Analytical Verbs

A strong assertion requires a strong analytical verb. Your assertions should have one of the verbs from the list below, to show what exactly you aim to prove. A good analytical verb ensures that your essay does not merely indicate something that happens in the book, but rather, what you think the author intended.

Advocates	Details	Portrays
Alludes to	Develops	Presents
Articulates	Differentiates	Promotes
Asserts	Elevates	Propels
Balances	Elicits	Proposes
Builds	Emphasizes	Provoke
Bolsters	Employs	Raises
Catalogs	Establishes	Recalls
Categorizes	Expands	Reduces
Characterizes	Expresses	Relates
Clarifies	Facilitates	Reinforces
Classifies	Frames	Represents
Collates	Gathers	Responds
Compares	Generates	Reveals
Concludes	Guides	Revitalizes
Confirms	Highlights	Shows
Continues	Identifies	States
Contrasts	Illustrates	Strengthens
Conveys	Implements	Substantiates
Correlates to	Implies	Suggests
Creates	Informs	Supports
Critiques	Integrates	Underlines
Debates	Moves	Validates
Defends	Perpetuates	Verifies
Depicts	Persuades	