Bolstering Your Argument Vocabulary

Transitions:
- Furthermore,
- Moreover,
- Additionally,
- Ultimately,
- Ideally,
- While it is certainly true that...
- Evidence proves that/suggests that...
- Nevertheless,

Phrases:
- Fails to address...
- In order to comply,
- Such that...
- Another primary motivation for...
- As evidenced by (as proven by)...

Good Vocabulary Words:
- Crux: the most important/key part of something
- Dearth: a lack of something
- Rhetoric: a way of speaking, or a body of general thought
- Comply: to go along with
- Furtive: secretive
- Concedes: admits
- Unprecedented: never happened before
- Implications: consequences or possible results/outcomes
- Class mobility: the ability for lower class to move to upper
- Causation versus correlation: idea that just because two things are linked doesn’t mean one caused the other
- Manifestation: a real-life result
- Superficial: seemingly true but actually false
- Indictment: a condemnation or criticism
- Litigation: legal action
- Doctrine: a set of beliefs
- Litmus Test: a make-or-break test that determines a larger outcome
- **Vague vs. ambiguous**: vague = unclear, ambiguous = two possible meanings
- Provocative: interesting, intriguing
- Fetters: literally, chains around your feet. Often used to say that something is holding people back, like “the fetters of racism.”
- Emulate: imitate or aspire to be like
- Monolithic: one huge structure or part
- Foment: to stir up or excite
- Deterrent: something that stops people from doing something
• Commensurate: something that goes along with something else, such as “This law’s effect is not commensurate with its purpose.”

**Power Words you may already know:**
Claims, Asserts, States, National Interest, Essential, Crucial, Consumerism, Vulnerability, Conformity, Primary Consequence, Emergence, Naïve, Relevant, Justify, Systematic, and Consensus