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
- Conmensurate—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, Consensus