

# Analytical Verbs

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

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