

## MARKER VERBS FOR ESSAYS OF ANALYSIS

### \*COMMUNICATES

Acquaints  
Advertises  
Announces  
**Appeals**  
Betrays  
Breaks  
Carries  
**Concludes**  
**Connects**  
Corresponds  
Declares  
Discloses  
Divulges  
Enlightens  
**Evokes**  
**Hints**  
Imparts  
**Implies**  
Informs  
**Introduces**  
Makes known  
Offers  
Proclaims  
**Provides**  
Relates  
Reports  
**Reveals**  
Signifies  
**States**  
**Suggests**  
Transfers  
Transmits  
Unfolds

### \*DESCRIBES

**Depicts**  
**Explains**  
Expresses  
**Illustrates**  
Portrays

### \*COMPRISES

Amounts to  
Composes  
**Contains**  
Embodies  
Encompasses  
Holds  
**Includes**  
Incorporates

### \*REVEALS

**Acknowledges**  
Bares  
Clarifies  
**Demonstrates**  
Discloses  
Displays  
Elucidates  
Exemplifies  
Exhibits  
Exposes  
**Illustrates**  
Manifests  
Opens  
Sheds light on  
**Shows**  
Unveils

### \*ENHANCES

Adorns  
Aggrandizes  
Amplifies  
Augments  
Builds up  
Complements  
Elevates  
**Exaggerates**  
Fleashes out  
Heightens  
**Increases**  
Intensifies  
Lifts  
Magnifies  
Raises  
**Reinforces**  
**Strengthens**

### \*EXAMINES

**Analyzes**  
**Compares**  
**Contrasts**  
Dissects  
**Explores**  
Investigates  
Questions  
Probes

### \*DEVELOPS

Broadens  
Enlarges  
Expands  
Explains  
Extends

### \*REINFORCES

Adds to  
Backs up  
Bolsters  
Buttresses  
Carries  
Confirms  
**Defends**  
**Emphasizes**  
Enlarges  
Fortifies  
Increases  
Props  
Proves  
**Stresses**  
Substantiates  
Supplements  
**Supports**  
Sustains  
Underlines  
Underscores  
Validates  
Verifies

### \*RELATES

Chronicles  
Depicts  
**Describes**  
Details  
Discloses  
Divulges  
Expresses  
**Imparts**  
Narrates  
Particularizes  
**Presents**  
Recounts  
Reports  
Retells  
**Reveals**

### \*CONVEYS

Communicates  
Discloses  
**Expresses**  
Imparts  
Projects  
Relates  
Reveals  
**Tells**  
Sends

### \*SYMBOLIZES

Connotes  
Denotes  
Designates  
Emblemizes  
Embodies  
Epitomizes  
Equates  
Exemplifies  
Illustrates  
Likens  
Links  
Mirrors  
**Personifies**  
**Represents**  
**Shows**  
Signifies

### \*COMMENTS

Affirms  
**Asserts**  
**Clarifies**  
Construes  
**Criticizes**  
Discloses  
Elucidates  
**Explains**  
Expounds  
Interjects  
Mentions  
**Notes**  
Notices  
Observes  
**Points out**  
Reflects  
Remarks  
Touches on

### \*CLAIMS

**Argues**  
**Asserts**  
**Concedes**  
Contends  
Establishes  
Maintains  
**Makes a case**  
Qualifies  
Rebuts  
Reasons  
**States**

Note: **Bolded** words are most commonly used.