PSSA Vocabulary 2

1. Accuracy - Correctness or precision
2. Alliteration - Repetition of initial consonant sounds
3. Climax - Turning point in a narrative
4. Contrast - To compare or appraise differences
5. Differentiate - Distinguish and recognize differences between two or more items
6. Epic - A long narrative poem about the adventures of a hero
7. Evaluate - To examine and judge carefully
8. Flashback - Device used to present action that occurred before the beginning of the story
9. Focus - The center of interest or attention
10. Generalization - Broad conclusion drawn from specific information
11. Homophone - One of two or more words pronounced alike but different in spelling or meaning
12. Imagery - A word or group or words in a literary selection that appeal to one or more of the senses
13. Irony - The use of a word or phrase to mean the exact opposite of its literal or usual meaning
14. Literary Conflict - The struggle that grows out of the interplay of the two opposing forces in a plot
15. Mood - The prevailing emotions of a work or of the author in his or her creation of the work.
16. Paraphrase - Restate text or passages in other words
17. Plot - The structure of a story
18. Prefix - A group of letters placed at the beginning of a word to alter the meaning
19. Suffix - A group of letters placed at the end of a word to alter the meaning
20. Validity - Refers to statements that have the appearance of truth or reality