English Department
Grade 10
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Academic Vocabulary: Narrative Writing

Academic terms appear in all subjects and can help you read, write, and discuss with more precision. Here are five academic words that will be useful to you in this unit as you analyze and write narratives.

Complete the chart.

1. Review each word, its root, and the mentor sentences.
2. Use the information and your own knowledge to predict the meaning of each word.
3. For each word, list at least two related words.
4. Refer to a dictionary or other resources if needed.

Word	Mentor Sentence	Predict Meaning	Related Words
motivate ROOT: *-mot-* "move"	1. A mentor should try to *motivate* a student to perform well. 2. What might *motivate* a character to do something so deceitful?		motivation; unmotivated
dimension ROOT: *-mens-* "measure"	1. We have to consider every *dimension* of the problem before we can solve it. 2. That classic TV show told stories that explored another *dimension* of time, space, and imagination.		
manipulate ROOT: *-man-* "hand"	1. We watch as the sculptors *manipulate* the clay with great skill and speed. 2. People often become defensive when they believe others are trying to *manipulate* them.		
psychological ROOT: *-psych-* "mind"; "spirit"	1. The director's new film is a *psychological* thriller, and I found it extremely suspenseful. 2. The *psychological* effects of fear can last a long time.		
perspective ROOT: *-spec-* "look"; "see"	1. The narrator's *perspective* was limited and left readers wondering what other characters thought. 2. Living in another part of the country helped to broaden my *perspective* on the world.		