Expository Writing

Vocabulary List 1 & 2

1. alliteration – (n) repetition of 1st syllable sound in two or more consecutive words
2. analogy – (n) comparing two things that are alike in some way
3. aspire – (v) to want to have or achieve something; to hope or to dream
4. bamboozle – (v) to trick or confuse
5. decorum – (n) proper behavior that shows respect and good manners
6. fallacy – (n) false or mistaken idea
7. recede – (v) to move away gradually
8. tumult – (n) state of noisy confusion or disorder
9. vindicate – (v) to show that someone is not guilty of a crime, mistake
10. abase – (v) to behave in a way undeserving of respect
11. then – (n) that time – *Since then, I have been more careful.* (adv)at that time – *It was then believed that the world was flat.* (adj) existing or belonging to the time mentioned – *She was appointed to her position by New Hampshire’s then governor.*
12. than – (conj) comparative form – Ten is less than twenty. (prep) – used with pronouns – *She is younger than me.*
13. coerce – (v) to make someone do something by using force or threats
14. fundamental - (adj) basic or essential part
15. bolster – (v) to make something stronger or give support to something or someone
16. colloquial – (adj) speaking in an informal way
17. debonair – (adj) dressing and acting in an appealing and sophisticated manner (man)
18. erroneous – (adj) not correct
19. eulogize – (v) to praise or write good things about someone who has died
20. explicate – (v) to explain or analyze
21. gnash – (v) grinding teeth together in a display of anger
22. gumption – (n) courage and confidence
23. incongruous – (adj) not agreeing with what is usual or expected