**Expository Writing**

**Vocabulary Words**

**List 6**

Bombard (v) attack or hit repeatedly; bomb; assualt

*We are constantly being bombarded by advertisements.*

Clemency (n) merciful treatment of someone who should receive harsh punishment; mercy; lenience

*The judge ignored the prisoner’s pleas for clemency.*

Cohesive (adj) closely knit as in a group

*The women’s club is a cohesive group in the community.*

Forgo (v) to give up an opportunity or enjoyment (forewent); refrain from; relinquish; go without

*She is planning to forgo her trip to Hawaii.*

Ghastly (adj) very shocking or horrible; unpleasant

*Her behavior was truly ghastly.*

Intrepid (adj) very bold or brave; fearless; adventurous

*Lewis and Clark were intrepid explorers, going into unknown territories.*

Lethargy (n) lack of energy or interest

*I drank a cup of coffee and recovered from my lethargy before heading to work.*

Malleable (adj) capable of being stretched into different shapes; easily influenced; pliable

*A malleable, young mind can be affected by violent video games.*

Maxim (n) a saying or general truth or rule about life or behavior; adage; saying

*My husband’s favorite maxim is “there are no mistakes, just human error.”*

Ornate (adj) decorative; elaborately adorned

*The chandelier was quite ornate for the sparse dining room.*