**Expository Writing**

**Vocabulary Words**

**List 7**

Blatant (adj) completely obvious, especially in an offensive manner

*After the player deliberately hit the quarterback in a rough manner, he was charged with a blatant foul.*

*Your blatant act of disobedience will get you in trouble with your parents.*

Denounce (verb) to criticize harshly and publicly

*The dictator made a speech to denounce the actions of his enemies.*

Dogmatic (adj) strongly state unsupported opinions or beliefs as if they are fact; uncompromising

*Because he refused to listen to others, everyone considered the politician too dogmatic.*

Excursion (noun) short journey or trip for pleasure

*If it rains tomorrow, our excursion to the beach this weekend will be cancelled.*

Henchman (noun) a faithful attendant or supporter (can be used in a negative context)

*The mastermind of the robbery had hired a henchman to act as lookout.*

Impetuous (adj) acting without thinking; acting impulsively

*We made an impetuous decision to go swimming in Lake Winnesquam in December.*

Inapt (adj) not appropriate or suitable

*I thought that calling the President by his first name was inapt.*

Inept (adj) lacking skill or ability

*The freshman basketball player proved to be inept at the game.*

Knave (noun) a dishonest individual

*After the knave stole the king’s crown, he was arrested and thrown into the dungeon.*

Nostrum (noun) quack medicine; medicine that is sole with false or exaggerated claims with demonstrable health benefits

*Does garlic actually cure colds or is this remedy simply another nostrum?*

Recoil (verb) to quickly move back

*Seeing the snake made me recoil in fear.*