

<u>Portales Jr. High</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>Language Arts Vocabulary Definitions</u>
1	Acronym	the abbreviated form of a word or words using the initial letters
2	Allusion	a passing or casual reference; an incidental mention of something, either directly or by implication
3	Characteristics	a feature or quality that makes somebody or something recognizable
4	Cite	to state the source of information
5	Coherent	making sense; logical
6	Connotation	the personal feelings or connection one has with the meaning of a word
7	Contrived	intended to appear spontaneous or genuine but was really planned
8	Credibility	something that is believable or reliable
9	Critical thinking	criticism that combines research, knowledge of historical context, and balanced judgement
10	Cultural issues	relating to a particular culture or civilization
11	Denotation	the dictionary meaning of a word
12	Dialect	a regional variety of language, with differences in vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation
13	Distortion	the altering of information in such a way that people are misinformed or misled
14	Elements	a separate, identifiable part of something
15	Engage	to be involved in
16	Figurative Language	using or containing a non-literal sense of a word or words
17	Foreshadowing	occurs when a writer provides hints that suggest future events in a story
18	Inference	a conclusion drawn from evidence
19	Literary device	something designed to create a particular effect in a story or other literary work
20	Perspective	a particular evaluation of a situation or facts, especially from one person's point of view
21	Precise	exact and accurate, or detailed and specific
22	Recurring themes	to happen or appear once again or repeatedly
23	Relationships	a significant connection or similarity between two or more things
24	Self-monitoring	to check for quality
25	Social issues	relating to human society and how it is organized
26	Stereotype	a fixed notion or idea about all members of a group
27	Strategy	a carefully devised plan of action to achieve a goal
28	Text	words that have been written down, typed, or printed
29	Textual Evidence	evidence from the text to support analysis
30	Universal theme	used or understood by everyone