

## Vocabulary 1

1. trait- distinguishing feature; characteristic
2. author's purpose- a reason for writing
3. compare- determine the likenesses between things
4. contrast- determine the differences between things
5. main idea- the most important idea a writer makes in a paragraph or passage
6. supporting details- small pieces of information that tell more about the main idea
7. theme- a central message, concern, or purpose in a literary work ( a general statement about human beings or life)
8. adjective- a word that describes or modifies a noun or pronoun
9. infer- find out by reasoning; conclude; imply
10. inspire- fill with a thought or feeling; influence