

Verbs for Literary Essays

achieves
affects
allows
alludes
amplifies
analyzes
appeals
argues
asserts
avoids
bears out
becomes
builds
capitulates
changes
characterizes
clarifies
combines
communicates
compares
concerns
concludes
confirms
conflicts
connects
connotes
considers
contains
contrasts
contributes
controls
conveys
creates
defines
delays
demonstrates
denotes
departs from
depicts
describes
destroys
determines
develops
differs

dignifies
digresses
dispels
disputes
disrupts
dissects
distinguishes
distracts from
dominates
draws upon
effects
elevates
embodies
emerges
emotes
emphasizes
employs
erases
establishes
examines
exemplifies
explains
exposes
expresses
extends
evokes
evolves
extenuates
forces
forms
furnishes
foreshadows
framed by
functions as
illuminates
illustrates
imparts
implies
indicates
influences
inspires
introduces
invites
merits

maintains
manifests
minimizes
misrepresents
molds
offers
overshadows
parallels
permeates
portrays
precipitates
predicts
presents
preserves
produces
progresses
provides
raises
reflects
reinforces
represents
resembles
results in
reveals
sets
shapes
shifts
signifies
speaks of
suggests
supplies
supports
suppresses
sustains
symbolizes
transforms
unfolds
uses
voices
warns