Vigorous Verbs

Listed below you will find verbs often used in academic discourse. The list should provide you some help in selecting fresh and strong verbs for your essays. Choosing a strong verb can greatly improve your sentence and by extension your essay as a whole!

accentuate  accept  achieve  adopt  advocate  affect  alleviate
allow  allude  alter  analyze  approach  argue  ascertain
assert  assess  assume  attack  attempt  attribute  avoid
base  believe  challenge  change  characterize  choose  chronicle
claim  clarify  comment  compare  compel  complete  concern
conclude  condescend  conduct  conform  confront  consider  constrain
construct  construe  contend  contest  contrast  contribute  convey
convince  create  defend  define  defy  demonstrate  denigrate
depict  describe  despise  detail  determine  develop  deviate
differentiate  differ  direct  disappoint  discern  discover  discuss
dispel  display  dispute  distinguish  distort  downplay  dramatize
elevate  elicit  elucidate  embody  empathize  empower  encounter
enhance  enrich  enumerate  envision  evoke  exclude  exemplify
expand  experience  explain  extend  express  extend  extrapolate
foreshadow  lighten  highlight  hint  hold  honor  identify
illustrate  imagine  impel  imply  include  indicate  infer
inspire  intend  interpret  inundate  justify  juxtapose  lampoon
list  maintain  make  manage  manipulate  master  meander
minimize  moralize  muse  note  observe  oppose  organize
overstate  outline  patronize  perform  permit  personify  persuade
ponder  portray  postulate  predict  prepare  qualify  question
rationalize  reason  recall  recite  recollect  record  reflect
refer  refute  regale  regard  regret  repudiate  restrain
reveal  revert  satirize  see  select  serve  show
solidify  specify  speculate  state  strive  suggest  sustain
trace  transcend  transform  understand  understate  use  vacillate
value  verify  view  want  wish