**Vocabulary Sheet #8**

**Ameliorate:** Scratching your eye will not ameliorate the itching.

**Atrophy:** According to researchers, lack of exercise causes muscles to atrophy and become feeble.

**Servile:** Some people are so servile that other people take advantage of their submissiveness.

**Augment:** Because she wants to augment her income, she is thinking about getting a second job.

**Extol:** I got angry when my mother would extol my brother’s accomplishments and ignore all the good things I did.

**Benevolent:** He was a benevolent man, volunteering all his free time to charitable organizations.

**Derision:** You should praise me for my actions rather than laugh in derision.

**Indolent:** Jackson lost his job because he was an indolent employee who did nothing but sleep at his desk all day.

**Disparity:** The disparity between the giant’s height and the dwarf’s height is obvious.

**Acquiesce:** While I did not want to go to the show with Laura, her continual begging eventually led me acquiesce.

**Part 1:** Pick 5 words from the list above and/or from your “Words” list in your Writer’s Notebook. For each of your chosen words, look up its part of speech and its dictionary definition. (It may also be helpful to look for a few other sentences that use the word in context.)

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**Part 2:** Practice using the 5 words in your own writing. Compose an original piece of writing that incorporates your 5 chosen words appropriately.

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