Key Terms for Essay Prompts Defined

1. **Analyze**: to break into parts and explain
2. **Argue**: (argument) to state reasons for or against something
3. **Assess**: to determine the amount of
4. **Cause/Effect**: the beginning/the result
5. **Chronological**: events put in the order they occurred
6. **Clarify**: to make clear
7. **Compare**: to show how two or more things are alike
8. **Contrast**: to show how two or more things are different
9. **Demonstrate**: to give specific examples or to show evidence to support an argument
10. **Define**: to give the meaning
11. **Describe**: to tell how about the main points and important details
12. **Diagram**: to label the parts of the process
13. **Discuss**: to tell about the main points and important details
14. **Enumerate**: to make a list
15. **Evaluate**: to give your opinion of what is important; discuss its good and bad points; discuss its strength and weaknesses
16. **Explain**: to give facts that clarify a point
17. **Factualize**: to show how something can be proven
18. **Illustrate**: to give examples
19. **Imply**: to signify or suggest a meaning
20. **Infer**: to make a conclusion based on a fact
21. **Interpret**: to offer an explanation
22. **Justify**: to give good reasons
23. **Opinion**: belief based on what a person thinks or feels
24. **Predict**: to make a guess about the future
25. **Prove**: to show something is true by giving facts
26. **Question**: to ask
27. **Reflect**: to think or rethink about
28. **Refute**: to prove that a given position is false
29. **Relate**: to show how things are alike or connected
30. **Sequence**: to put in correct order
31. **State**: to give the main points or reasons
32. **Summarize**: to briefly cover the main points
33. **To what extent**: the measurement of an action
34. **Trace**: to tell about the progress or growth