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Word Choice Audit

Directions: Use this worksheet to revise your own writing for stronger vocabulary. Follow each step in order and write directly on the lines provided.

Refer to a paragraph you wrote recently (8 to 12 sentences). It can be from English, history, science, or another class.

Identify Your "Weak Word" Patterns: Read your paragraph once. Then list words you overused or words that feel vague.

1. Overused word 1: _____ Count: ____
2. Overused word 2: _____ Count: ____
3. Overused word 3: _____ Count: ____
4. Vague word or phrase 1: _____ Why vague: _____
5. Vague word or phrase 2: _____ Why vague: _____

Precision Upgrade Table: For each weak word, choose a stronger replacement that matches your meaning and tone. Then write one revised sentence from your paragraph using the replacement.

Clarity and Specificity Test: Answer each question in 1 to 2 sentences using evidence from your paragraph.

1. Where did I use a general word when a specific one would be clearer?
2. Where did I use an emotionally loaded word when a neutral word would be better for academic writing?
3. Which sentence became strongest after revision? Explain why.

Final Revision: Rewrite your paragraph with your best upgrades. Keep the meaning the same, but improve word choice and precision.