Teacher Directions:

The best way to *learn* vocabulary is to *use* vocabulary. Give students the chart on the following page to help them apply vocabulary from the word wall into their own writing. Students simply choose three words a week, challenge themselves to use the word as often as they can in the proper context, and then share their favorite line in the last column of the chart.

To extend this activity even further and deepen students’ understanding of the words, ask them to complete the Words With Power one pager. A one pager is a one page display that shares the students’ favorite lines from their personal writing, displaying the line along with the literal definition, figurative and connotative meanings, and visual representations of the word.

The Words With Power one pager creates a great visual display that can help expand all students’ learning. It also provides another avenue of learning for students to master new vocabulary.

Engage, excite, and motivate your secondary ELA students. Visit [www.readitwriteitlearnit.com](http://www.readitwriteitlearnit.com)
Your Task: Each week, choose 3 words from our word wall and challenge yourself to use these words in your writing.

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<th>WORD WALL WORD</th>
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<td>Copy a word from our word wall</td>
<td>Track your word use with tally marks</td>
<td>Choose the best use of the word from your writing</td>
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Your Task: Choose one of your favorite lines using a word wall word. Create a one-page display of your word including the following:

- Neatly write your favorite line. Make the word wall word stand out by either making it bold, a different style lettering, a different color, or highlight it/frame it.
- Use space on the page to write the literal definition of your word.
- Use half of the page to represent the figurative meanings (not literal; metaphorical meanings) of your word. You can use words and drawing to represent the figurative meanings. Try to think of the things your word stands for or symbolizes.
- Use the other half of the page to represent the connotative meanings of the word. Connotative meanings are the emotions we associate with a word. Most words have either a negative, positive, or neutral connotation, depending on our experiences.
- Use the space on the whole page to illustrate your ideas: your favorite line, the literal definition, and the figurative and connotative meanings.

Overall, strive to be creative and to bring your word to life!