

SMART CHART: Core Vocabulary

Common Core Reading Anchor Standard 4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings....

Anchor Standard 4 Competence target: Can define and use academic vocabulary to explain a topic.

TOPIC: _____

List five important terms you need to understand about this topic.

They should be core words—words that are important to explaining the topic.

Write a synonym or example for each word.

CORE WORD	SYNONYM or EXAMPLE

Make It Clear: Use all five core words to explain the topic.

Write a sentence for each word or a paragraph that includes them.

Added Challenge:

Add five more words that are important to understanding the topic—make your own bigger Core Vocabulary smart chart.