Key Terms for Paper 2: Describing relationships between texts



Original text: "Hamburger"



ILLUSTRATE: to provide additional examples or evidence that help explain a position; to present material that illuminates or supports what an author argues (but may not be explicitly mentioned in the text).

Burger diagram: illustrates hamburger by providing information that supports the concept of the original text: what makes up a hamburger



CLARIFY: to bring into focus; to help explain, illuminate, or elucidate. Providing evidence, examples, stories, cases, or support that make something easier to understand or that sharpen the point made.

Close-up of sesame seed bun: brings original hamburger text into focus by providing additional detail



EXTEND: to advance, develop, expand, or take further some element of an existing argument. Extending an argument involves presenting additional evidence or reasons that are in line with the original argument but go beyond it.

Burger combo with fries and Coke: extends original hamburger text by presenting additional evidence (food) that goes well with it



COMPLICATE: to present evidence, arguments, or information that is at odds with an author's position, and which suggests the position needs to be revised or qualified (i.e. that its scope or degree of certainty needs revision, or that exceptions have not been considered.) Complicating an argument is not quite the same as disagreeing with it, although disagreement may be involved. It usually involves suggesting that an author has not dealt with the full

complexity of an issue, has failed to consider relevant evidence, or that there is a gap, shortcoming, or limitation in the author's conclusions.

Cute cow face: complicates original hamburger text by pointing out the fact that hamburgers come from cute cows – something the hamburger manufacturers probably don't want you to think about