

## *Vocabulary Web*

This Vocabulary Web Model is great for helping gifted students study words in depth. This strategy goes beyond having students simply learn the meaning of a word. Students can work alone or in pairs. Words can be assigned, or students can choose their own words to explore. In order to web, students write the word to be explored in the center. Then they research the word to find the following information to place on the web:

- Definition
- Synonyms and antonyms
- Writing a sentence using the word
- Analysis: part of speech, language of origin, word families, stems
- Examples (which may include analogies or examples from literature, TV, movies, etc.)

After students complete the web, they have an in-depth understanding of the word. In addition, students can be given the option of sharing their work with the whole class or with a group of students.

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