Vocabulary Building

Give students a word bank and have them create an essay, blog, etc. about a topic of interest using the words given. Even if the target words do sound forced, at least the student is combing through the new vocabulary in search of words that actually communicate their ideas.

In this activity students are discovering how words can help them communicate as opposed to memorizing a bunch of random words they are likely to forget.

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