**AP Literature and Grade 12 English Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

College Essay Revision Workshop

***"Dead" Words***

Some words in the English language tend to be overused and therefore lose their power.  These are called Dead Words.  Below is a list of dead words and more interesting alternatives that should be used in their place when you are writing.

Also:     too, moreover, besides, as well as, in addition to

Awesome, Cool, Rad: fine wonderful, marvelous, great, fantastic

Scared:      afraid, fearful, terrified, frightened

Have to:  need to, must

Very:      extremely, exceedingly, fantastically, unusually, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, shockingly, bitterly, immeasurably,  infinitely, severely, surely, mightily, powerfully,       chiefly

Like:     such as, similar to, similarly

Kid:      child, boy, girl, youngster, youth

Mad:      angry, frustrated, furious, incensed, enraged

Got, Get: received, obtained, attained, succeed in

Then:      first, second, next, later, finally, afterward, meanwhile, soon

Nice:      pleasant, charming, fascinating, captivating, delightful, pleasurable, pleasing

Lots:      Numerous, heaps, many, scores, innumerable

So:      thus, accordingly, therefore

Fun:      pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly

Good:      excellent, exceptional, fine, marvelous, splendid, superb, wonderful

But:      however, moreover, yet, still, nevertheless, though, although, on the    other hand

Awful:      dreadful, alarming, frightful, terrible, horrid, shocking

Great:      wonderful, marvelous, fantastic

Guy:      man, person, fellow, boy

Funny:     amusing, comical, laughable, jovial

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