Instructional Guide for General Academic Vocabulary

Text:

Choosing Tier Two Words for Focused Instruction		Planning Explicit Instruction			
Criteria:	Tier Two Words	1. Set a purpose for learning.	2. Identify critical details that define the new concept	3. Use highly specific examples and non-examples	4. Connect new concepts to previously learned material
Word is central to understanding the text					
Word choice and nuance are significant					
Students are likely to see this word frequently					
Word is a more mature or precise label for concepts already known to students					
Word lends itself to teaching a web of words and concepts around it					