What is a **rhetorically accurate verb?** A rhetorically accurate verb is an action word that describes the kind of action taken. Here are some examples of rhetorically accurate verbs:

1. Ayn Rand *championed* radical capitalism
2. Douglas Engelbart *invented* the computer mouse
3. Galileo *discovered* sunspots
4. Mohammad *founded* Islam
5. Salk *cured* smallpox
6. Jimi Hendrix *redefined* the electric guitar

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To revitalize your prose, use the active voice (demonstrate clearly who is doing what to whom). Here is an initial set of words to use instead of "says," "states," "writes," or a passive verb:

observes	affirms	foreshadows
notes	asserts	predicts
remarks	argues	suggests
adds	opines	hints
declares	repudiates	sustains
claims	refutes	manipulates
comments	dispels	unpacks
thinks	reverts	enhances
portrays	embodies	discerns
reveals	inspires	masters
exemplifies	regales	meanders
explains	empowers	transforms
demonstrates	constrains	solidifies
elucidates	constructs	purports
clarifies	creates	explicates
paints	transcends	highlights
alleges	pervades	

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accentuates	defends	extrapolates	notes	ridicules
accepts	defines			
achieves	defies	fantasizes	observes	satirizes
adopts	demonstrates	focuses	opposes	seems
advocates	denigrates	forces	organizes	sees
affects	depicts	foreshadows	overstates	selects
alleviates	describes	functions	outlines	serves
allows	details			specifies
alludes	determines	generalizes	patronizes	speculates
analyzes	develops	guides	performs	states
approaches	deviates		permits	strives
agues	differentiates	heightens	personifies	suggests
ascertains	differs	highlights	persuades	summarizes
asserts	directs	hints	ponders	supplies
assesses	disappoints	holds	portrays	supports
assumes	discovers	honors	postulates	suppresses
attacks	discusses		prepares	symbolizes
attempts	displays	identifies	presents	sympathizes
attributes	disputes	illustrates	presumes	
avoids	disrupts	imagines	produces	traces
	distinguishes	impels	projects	
bases	disputes	implies	promotes	understands
believes	disrupts	includes	proposes	understates
	distinguishes	indicates	provides	uses
challenges	distorts	infers		
changes	downplays	inspires	qualifies	vacillates
characterizes	dramatizes	intends	questions	values
chooses		interprets		verifies
chronicles	elevates	interrupts	rationalizes	views
claims	elicits	inundates	reasons	
comments	empathizes		recalls	wants
compares	encounters	justifies	recites	wishes
completes	enriches		recollects	
concerns	enumerates	lampoons	records	
concludes	envisions	lists	recounts	
condescends	evokes		reflects	
conducts	excludes	maintains	refers	
conforms	expands	makes	regards	
confronts	experiences	manages	regrets	
considers	explains	manipulates	rejects	
contends	expresses	minimizes	represents	
contests	extends	moralizes	results	
		muses	reveals	