Some Key Words for Historical Writing

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# Key Words for Linkage or Transition

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| Emphasizing or Strengthening | | |
| In addition | Correspondingly | In fact |
| Again | Equally | In general |
| Also | Equally important | In the same fashion |
| Another | For example | Likewise |
| As if | For instance | Moreover |
| As much as | Furthermore | Of course |
| As though | In a like manner | Similarly |
| Besides | In addition to | Too |

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| Contrasting or explaining an exception | | |
| Although | However | On the contrary |
| And yet | In comparison | On the other hand |
| Besides | In comparison to | Otherwise |
| By comparison | In place of | Still |
| By contrast | In spite of | Unfortunately |
| Conversely | Instead | Unless |
| Differing from | Less important | Whereas |
| Even if | Nevertheless | Yet |
| Even though | Notwithstanding |  |

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| Sequencing or order of importance | | |
| Above all | Gradually | Presently |
| Afterward | Hereafter | Since |
| As soon as | Immediately | Subsequently |
| Earlier | In the end | Thereafter |
| Equally important | In the first place | Thereupon |
| Eventually | In the meantime | Until |
| First | Meanwhile | When |
| Formerly | Next |  |
| Further | Of greater importance |  |
| Furthermore | Of lesser importance |  |

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| Indicating cause, result, consequence or purpose | | |
| Accordingly | For this reason | So |
| As | Hence | Then |
| As a result | In any case | Therefore |
| Because | In fact | Thus |
| Consequently | Provided that | Gradually |
| Finally | Since |  |

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|  | Illustrating |  |
| As an example | For example | For instance |
|  | Specifically |  |

**Key Words: Synonyms**

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| Said | | |
| Added | Asserted | Remarked |
| Continued | Commented | Reported |
| Stated | Declared |  |
| Announced | Observed |  |

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| **Acknowledging or revealing** | | |
| Acknowledged | Avowed | Divulged |
| Admitted | Conceded | Revealed |
| Affirmed | Confessed |  |
| Alleged | Disclosed |  |

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| **Explanatory** | |
| Answered | Responded |
| Explained | Retorted |
| Rejoined | Returned |
| Replied |  |

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| **Argumentative** | | |
| Contended | Emphasized | Maintained |
| Countered | Exclaimed | Proclaimed |

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| **Suggestive** | | |
| Hinted | Insinuated | Suggested |
| Implied | Intimated |  |

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| **Power Words** | | |
| Asserts | Exemplifies | Reveals |
| Criticizes | Illustrates | Signifies |
| Compliments | Indicates | Strengthens |
| Demonstrates | Portrays | Symbolizes |
| Embraces | Reflects | Undermines |