

# What Do I Do With A Quote?

## Basic templates for Beginning Informational/ Explanatory and Analytical Writing

### Sentence Starters

- (Author) states/describes/writes, “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- (Author) disagrees when he writes, “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- According to (author), “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- (Author) believes, “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- (Author) agrees when she writes, “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- In (author)’s view, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

*All of these sentences starters can be used with a paraphrase (summary) instad of a quote.*

When explaining your evidence, pick one of the following verbs to help your analyze. Use it in your sentence.  
Example:

“This Evidence           (insert verb)          .”

### Verbs to Explain AGREEMENT:

Oberserves	Argues	Claims	States
Reports	Supports	Acknowledges	Agrees
Suggests	Corroborates	Believes	Demonstrates

### Verbs to Explain QUESTIONING or DISAGREEMENT:

Rejects	Questions
Complaints	Renounces
Refutes	Denies

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