

Templates & Transitions

*Using some of these templates (academic sentence starters) and transition words/phrases will strengthen your argumentative writing as well as vary your sentence structure. It will also help you connect your ideas more clearly for your reader.

Introducing Quotations

- X states, “_____.”
- According to X, “_____.”
- In his/her article, “_____,” X maintains that “_____.”
- In X’s view, “_____.”

Explaining Quotations in Your Own Words (Summary)

- In X’s article, “_____,” he/she asserts that _____.
- X agrees that _____.
- X claims that _____.
- X explains that _____.
- X demonstrates that _____.
- X insists that _____.
- X reminds us that _____.
- X reports that _____.
- X suggests that _____.
- X emphasizes the importance of _____.
- Basically, X is arguing that _____.
- In other words, X believes _____.
- X’s point is that _____.
- To put it another way, _____.

Providing Your Opinion about the Quotation (Analysis)

- I agree that _____ because my experience _____ confirms it.
- X is surely right about _____ because _____.
- I wholeheartedly endorse what X calls _____.
- X matters because _____.
- X is important since _____.

Common Transitions to Be Used in Any Paper

Addition	also and besides furthermore in addition in fact indeed moreover so too	Comparison	along the same lines in the same way likewise similarly
Elaboration	actually by extension in short that is in other words to put it another way to put it succinctly ultimately	Example	after all as an illustration consider for example for instance to illustrate specifically to take case in point
Cause & Effect	accordingly as a result consequently hence it follows, then since so then therefore thus	Contrast	although but by contrast conversely even though however in contrast nevertheless/nonetheless on the contrary on the other hand regardless whereas while yet
Concession	admittedly although it is true that granted I concede that of course naturally to be sure	Conclusion	as a result consequently hence in conclusion in short in sum to summarize