

Incorporating Sources

Even when you understand the concept of incorporating other people’s words into your own work, it is hard to figure out how exactly to do it. The list of *Helpful Sentence Structures for Incorporating Sources* that follows is designed to give you the structure and vocabulary commonly used to incorporate sources.

Helpful Sentence Structures for Incorporating Sources

Introducing Quotations

- . [AUTHOR] notes, “ _____.”
- . In their article “[TITLE],” [AUTHOR] states, “ _____.”
- . In their book [TITLE], [AUTHOR] writes, “ _____.”
- . According to [AUTHOR], “ _____.”

Explaining Quotations

- . The point [AUTHOR] makes, is that _____.
- . [AUTHOR] is basically saying that _____.
- . Here, [AUTHOR] makes the argument that _____.
- . To put it another way, [AUTHOR] is saying that _____.

Capturing Authorial Action

- . [AUTHOR] asserts that _____.
- . [AUTHOR] agrees that _____.
- . [AUTHOR] posits that _____.
- . [AUTHOR] proves that _____.
- . [AUTHOR] insists that _____.
- . [AUTHOR] argues against _____.
- . [AUTHOR] incorrectly concludes that _____.

Disagreeing

- . I believe that [AUTHOR] is incorrect here because they don’t consider _____.
- . I disagree with [AUTHOR] regarding _____ because (of) _____.
- . By spending so much time looking at _____, [AUTHOR] ignores the larger issue of _____.
- . At this point, I want to challenge [AUTHOR] conclusion that _____.

Agreeing PLUS

- . I understand [AUTHOR]’s point _____ because in my own experience _____.
- . Even though I agree with [AUTHOR] regarding _____, we differ when it comes to _____.
- . [AUTHOR]’S discussion of _____ is enlightening because it sheds light on the issue of _____.
- . I agree with [AUTHOR] that _____ needs further exploration, as many people still believe _____.

Summarizing and Responding

- . In [TITLE], author [AUTHOR] makes the general argument that _____. Specifically [AUTHOR] explains _____.
- . In conclusion, while [AUTHOR] maintains _____, I still argue that _____.



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