

HOW TO INTRODUCE TEXTUAL EVIDENCE IN YOUR ESSAY

1. You may incorporate textual evidence right into the sentence with the use of quotation marks, but your quote from the text must make sense in the context of the sentence.

For example:

April is so wildly confused that she actually “...hated Caroline because it was all her fault” (page 118).

2. Another way to introduce textual evidence is to tell the reader you are doing so.
For example:

According to the author, “Reading and writing are two skills every person will need in the workplace” (page 42).

Additional examples of this style are listed:

As noted on page 79,

For example,

When the author states, “...”

An example of this occurs when the main character says, “...”

As stated in the text,

The author illustrates this point when she states,

Toward the end of the story Ken says, “...”

For instance,

As Zilpha Keatley Snyder points out,

In the words of ...

3. Here is a list of common verbs used to introduce textual evidence:

argues	writes	concludes	reveals	observes
comments	maintains	suggests	insists	explains
counters	states	claims	demonstrates	
notes	implies			

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