

Suggested Words and Phrases to Use When Incorporating Quotations

If you agree with the author

Like (writer), I believe that "..."

The (writer) is astute to say that "..."

It is valid, as (writer) states, that "..."

I agree with (writer)'s point that "..."

If you disagree with the writer*

In my opinion, (author)'s idea that "..."

(the author) is unwise to state that "..."

I disagree with (author)'s opinion that "..."

*Use these sparingly, if at all. The reader knows that these are your ideas: after all it is your paper. It is more confident, formal, and professional to say something like, "Barth's theory, however, does not easily apply to . . ." Words like however, on the other hand, and conversely signal the reader that you disagree with the quotation.

Presenting the writer's point of view

According to (writer) "..."

(writer) claims that "..."

"..." declares (writer)

These are a few words that you can also use

acknowledges

admits

affirms

alleges (pejorative)

announces

asserts

believes

claims

comments

conveys

declares

discloses

divulges

emphasizes

explains

expresses

identifies

infers

makes

known

maintains

opines

posits

professes

proclaims

recounts

reports

relates

reveals

says

states

writes