

## Commentary and Evidence Stems

Stems for Introducing <b>Evidence</b>	Stems for Introducing <b>Commentary</b>
<b>This comes from the text.</b>	<b>These are your own thoughts about the text. Extend, expand, explain how the evidence supports your reason.</b>
<p><b><u>Quote</u></b></p> <p>The text states, “ _____.”</p> <p>On page ____, the text states, “ _____.”</p> <p>Paragraph ____ states, “ _____.”</p> <p>According to the text, “ _____.”</p> <p>In paragraph ____ on page ____, the author/narrator/character says, “ _____.”</p> <p>(Last name of author) stated, “ _____.”</p> <p>(Last name of author) goes on to say that, “ _____.”</p> <p>The author expresses this in paragraph ____ by saying, “ _____.”</p> <p><b><u>Summary or Paraphrase</u></b></p> <p>The author explained _____.</p> <p>According to the text, _____.</p> <p>(Last name of author) described ____ in paragraph _____.</p> <p>Paragraph ____ describes/explains/shows _____.</p> <p>The article/author/text claims that _____.</p>	<p>It can be inferred that _____.</p> <p>It can be concluded that _____.</p> <p>This shows that _____.</p> <p>This evidence from the text demonstrates/proves/shows that _____.</p> <p>This means _____.</p> <p>It is evident/clear that _____.</p> <p>It’s as if _____.</p> <p>This example reveals/illustrates _____.</p> <p>In other words, _____.</p> <p>Furthermore, _____.</p> <p>This is an important quote/scene/idea because _____.</p> <p>In addition to this, it can also be inferred that _____.</p> <p>This quote/phrase helps reveal the idea that _____.</p> <p>It can be inferred from this evidence/quote that _____.</p> <p>Upon analyzing this statement/scene/quote, it becomes clear that _____.</p>

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