

How to support a claim

EVIDENCE:

Give supporting evidence from the text (by paraphrasing or directly quoting from the text. If you are directly quoting from a text, you *must* use quotation marks.

Sentence starters:

- In chapter 4, [the character] says...
- The novel states...
- The novel describes...
- For example...
- [The character] explains...
- After [event from the story], the character does...
- Early in the story, the author says...
- For instance...
- [Character] thinks/feels that...

Make your writing even better! Use specific quotations from the novel, and include page numbers in parentheses after your quotations.

For example: Rachel wishes she could hide her emotions from her peers, stating "I wish I was invisible but I'm not." (p 576).

EXPLANATION:

Explain how the quote(s) or paraphrase(s) you pointed out support your idea.

Sentence starters :

- This shows...
- This is because...
- This means...
- This reveals...
- This illustrates...
- This highlights the difference/similarity between...

Make your writing even better! Replace the word "this" with a brief summary of your evidence.

For example: Instead of "This reveals that..." write "The character's reaction reveals that..." or "Rachel's response to Mrs. Price reveals..."