



Study Skills: Phrases for Commenting on Evidence

<p>Introduce</p> <p>What is the author’s authority? Where does this appear?</p>	<p>Interpret</p> <p>What does it mean or show?</p>	<p>Explain</p> <p>Why is this important or interesting?</p>	<p>Expand</p> <p>How could this be expanded? What questions does this raise?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the prominent [insert background e.g., author, theorist, philosopher] X puts it, “...” X states/argues that ... X describes/defines ... as ... According to X ... In their book, ... X maintains that “...” Writing in ..., X explains that “...” In X’s view, “...” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The evidence/quotation shows/suggests/indicates that ... These results imply that... X infers from this evidence that ... In making this comment, X urges us to ... X’s point is that ... The essence of X’s argument is that ... This viewpoint adds weight to the argument that ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X’s viewpoint is important because ... This example helps to demonstrate ... X’s definition/viewpoint of ... is pertinent because ... This is crucial in terms of ... as ... These findings have important implications for ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A possible alternative to ..., could be to ... This raises the question ... In the context of ..., X’s definition could be expanded to include ... Building upon X’s suggestion, a possible solution could be to ...





<p>Compare/Contrast</p> <p>How are the sources similar or different?</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Do you agree? Why?</p>	<p>Disagree</p> <p>Do you disagree? Why?</p>	<p>Mixed Response</p> <p>Do you have a mixed response?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similarly, X found that ... • In agreement with X, Y comments that ... • A broader perspective has been adopted by X who argues that ... • Unlike X, Y argues that ... • In contrast to X, Y believes that ... • Conversely, X comments that ... • X refutes the claim that ... • X complicates matters further by commenting "..." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X's theory of ... is useful because ... • Equivalent results have also been found in... • Other results confirm this conclusion such as ... • This view is also supported by ... who writes that ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although X claims ..., X contradicts this by ... • X fails to fully define what ... • However, the author overlooks the fact that ... • What X fails to do is draw a distinction between ... • The key problem with this explanation is that ... • However, this theory does not fully explain why ... • One criticism of much of the literature on X is that ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While it is true that ..., it does not necessary follow that ... • On the one hand, X is right to say ... • On the other hand, ... • But the view that ... does not fit all the facts.

