

## Sentence Starters for Says – Means – Matters

	<b>SAYS</b> What the quote actually says. (with the citation)	<b>MEANS</b> This is an interpretation of the text. What does the author/quote mean? What is he/she trying to say?	<b>MATTERS</b> What are the implications? Why does this quote matter to me or others? Why is it important? (to the story as a whole)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write the exact words from the text.</li> <li>• Introduce this quote with a signal phrase (this should make clear who the speaker of these words is)</li> <li>• Choose <i>short</i> passages that are important for your quotation (no longer than a sentence).</li> </ul> <p>The author claims that, “... According to the author, “... In the author’s words, “... The author plainly asserts, “... The author suggests, “... The author recommends, “... The author points out, “... The character notes, “... The character says, “... The character states, “...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put the quotations from the say column into your own words (paraphrase).</li> <li>• You may need to write a sentence or two describing what comes before or after the quotation. This is context.</li> <li>• Be thorough and detailed. Make sure you can explain every part of the quotation you are analyzing.</li> </ul> <p>Here, the author is reinforcing the idea of... The author clarifies why the... The author/character proposes ... The author defines ... The author examines ... The author expresses ... With this idea/statement... This represents...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write what the passage you chose has to say about a bigger life issue. This should be something outside of the text.</li> <li>• This may provide a solution to a problem or it may provide insight into a complicated situation.</li> <li>• Don’t only write what the passage is about; make sure you connect it to your answer to the prompt. Your evidence matters because it answers the prompt/question.</li> </ul> <p>An examination of this issue/idea/concept reveals... This passage models the author’s use of... This highlights... This passage reminds the reader that... This emphasizes... This passage is significant because... This passage is noteworthy because ... This passage underlines...</p>