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**Citing examples from the text**

- In the first paragraph, the author says...
- The text states...
- According to the text...
- The author explains...
- Early in the text, the author...
- In the text on page __, the author states...
- The illustration shows...
- I can infer from...
- From the reading, I know that...

**Explain how it supports the answer**

- This shows...
- This is because...
- This means...
- This reveals...
- This illustrates...
- This proves...
- To elaborate...
- For example...

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**Never write**

- The book/poem said... (Books & poems don't talk!)
- The book told me... (Highly doubtful; see above)
- My book... (Only the author can say that!)
- I think... (Of course you do!)
- I will show you... (Just do it already!)

**Do write**

- For instance...
- On page 5...
- This proves that...
- This shows that...
- According to the text...
- In paragraph 2...
- The author states...
- Based on this information...