

# Introducing Quotations

Choose purposefully the words you employ to introduce quotations and incorporate them into the text of your writing. Avoid the mundane and ubiquitous “says” and “states.” Consider carefully the specific denotations and connotations of the words below and the ways in which they can impact your writing—how they can further support your points by clarifying your tone and your purpose for using each quotation.

***Always write about literature in the present tense!***

acknowledges	contends	informs	recites
acquiesces	contests	inquires	recognizes
adds	continues	insists	recounts
admits	contradicts	insinuates	refutes
addresses	counsels	interrogates	regrets
advises	counters	interjects	reiterates
advocates	debates	intimates	rejoins
affirms	decides	laments	relates
agrees	declares	lectures	remarks
alleges	decrees	lies	reminds
announces	demands	maintains	remonstrates
answers	denies	mentions	repeats
argues	denounces	narrates	reports
articulates	describes	notes	replies
asks	dictates	objects	reprimands
assents	directs	observes	requests
asserts	discloses	orders	responds
assures	divulges	petitions	retorts
attests	elaborates	pleads	reveals
avows	enjoins	points out	rules
begs	entreats	preaches	sneers
boasts	enunciates	proclaims	stipulates
brags	equivocates	pronounces	suggests
calls	exclaims	proposes	supplicates
charges	exhorts	protests	supposes
chides	explains	proves	swears
claims	grants	queries	talks
commands	holds	questions	testifies
comments	hesitates	quibbles	thinks
complained	hints	quips	tells
concedes	imparts	quotes	translates
concludes	implies	rants	urges
concur	implores	reads	utters
confesses	indicates	reasons	vows
confides	infers	rebut	warns