

Reporting Verbs

In his/her article “ , ” [the author] ...

1. Verbs that introduce a quotation or paraphrase *as information*

reports on + noun phrase
proposes + noun phrase
points out + noun phrase or **that** + noun clause
examines + noun phrase or + **how/why** + noun clause
discusses + noun phrase or + **how/why** + noun clause
describes + noun phrase or + **how/why** + noun clause
states that + noun clause
says that + noun clause
adds that + noun clause
concludes that + noun phrase
explains that / how/ why + noun clause

2. Verbs that tell the reader the source is presenting an opinion followed by reasoning

argues that + noun clause
believes that + noun clause
maintains that + noun clause

3. Verbs that tell the reader that the source is giving an opinion or presenting a fact that could be disputed

asserts that + noun clause
claims that + noun clause

4. Verbs that express agreement or disagreement among sources

disputes + noun phrase
ex: She disputed his assertion.
disagrees that + noun clause
acknowledges that + noun clause
agrees that + noun clause

Sentences that introduce an author and an article

It is very important that you cite the author and the title of the article in the first sentence of your summary or essay. Here are some options for doing this (note the subject and verb in each example):

1. In the essay "A Parent's Journey Out of the Closet," the author **Agnes Herman** shows how she gradually learned to accept her son's homosexuality.
2. **According to Agnes Herman**, the author of the essay, "A Parent's Journey Out of the Closet," the experience of raising her gay son changed her perspective on homosexuality.