

### Introducing what "They Say"

A number of \_\_\_\_ have recently suggested that X's work has several fundamental problems.

It has become common today to dismiss X's contribution to the field of \_\_\_\_.

In their recent work, Y and Z have offered harsh critiques of X for \_\_\_\_.

### Introducing Standard Views

Americans today tend to believe \_\_\_\_.

Conventional wisdom has it that \_\_\_\_.

Common sense seems to dictate that \_\_\_\_.

The standard way of thinking about \_\_\_\_ has it that \_\_\_\_.

It is often said that \_\_\_\_.

Many people assume that \_\_\_\_.

### Introducing Something Implied or Assumed

One implication of X's treatment of \_\_\_\_ is that \_\_\_\_.

Although X does not say so directly, she apparently assumes that \_\_\_\_.

While they rarely admit as much, \_\_\_\_ often take for granted that \_\_\_\_.

### Introducing an Ongoing Debate

In discussions of X, one controversial issue has been \_\_\_\_\_. On the one hand, \_\_\_\_\_ argues that \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_ contends \_\_\_\_\_. Others even maintain \_\_\_\_\_. But [supply your view]....

When it comes to the topic of \_\_\_\_\_, most will readily agree that \_\_\_\_\_. Where this agreement usually ends, however, is on the question of \_\_\_\_\_. Whereas some are convinced that \_\_\_\_\_, others maintain that \_\_\_\_\_.

### Introducing Quotations

Writing in the journal *Blahg*, X complains that "\_\_\_\_\_."

X complicates matters further when he writes, "\_\_\_\_\_."

In her book, *Blahgosphere*, X maintains that "\_\_\_\_\_."

### Explaining Quotations

Basically, X is saying \_\_\_\_\_.

In other words, X believes \_\_\_\_\_.

In making this comment, X argues \_\_\_\_\_.

X is insisting that \_\_\_\_\_.

The essence of X's argument is that \_\_\_\_\_.

### Agreeing/Disagreeing with Reasons

X is mistaken because she overlooks \_\_\_\_.

X's claim that \_\_\_\_ rests upon the questionable assumption that \_\_\_\_.

By focusing on \_\_, X overlooks the deeper problem of \_\_\_\_.

However, it is simply not true that \_\_\_\_.

X claims \_\_, but we don't need him to tell us that. Anyone familiar with \_\_\_\_ has long known that \_\_\_\_.

X contradicts herself. On the one hand, she argues \_\_. But on the other hand she also says \_\_\_\_.

X's theory of \_\_ is extremely useful because it sheds insight on the the difficult problem of \_\_\_\_.

X is right that \_\_\_\_, but she seems on more dubious ground when she claims that \_\_\_\_.

### Entertaining Objections

Biologists, of course, may want to dispute my claim that \_\_\_\_.

Here many feminists would probably object that \_\_\_\_.

Proponents of X are right to argue that \_\_\_\_\_. But they exaggerate when they claim that\_\_\_\_\_.

While it is true that\_\_\_\_, it does not necessarily follow that \_\_\_\_.

### Indicating Who Cares and Why Your Claims Matter

\_\_\_\_ used to think. But recently \_\_\_\_ suggests that \_\_\_\_.

These findings challenge the work of earlier researchers, who tended to assume that \_\_\_\_.

Researchers have long assumed that \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, one eminent scholar of cell biology, \_\_\_\_\_, assumed in \_\_\_\_\_, her seminal work on cell structures, that fat cells \_\_\_\_\_. As X herself put it, "\_\_\_\_\_." Another leading scientist, \_\_\_\_\_, argued that\_\_\_\_\_. Ultimately, when it came to \_\_\_\_\_, the basic assumption was that \_\_\_\_\_. But a new body of research shows that \_\_\_\_\_

Although X may seem trivial, it is in fact crucial in terms of today's concern over \_\_\_\_.

These findings have important consequences for the broader domain of \_\_\_\_.

Although X may seem of concern to only a small group of \_\_\_\_, it should in fact concern anyone who cares about \_\_\_\_.

These conclusions will have significant applications in \_\_ as well as in\_\_.

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