


# Explaining What An Author Says

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Makes a Claim</b></p> <p>argues            asserts            predicts          claims            emphasizes        opposes          insists            advocates</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Addresses Opposition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• concedes</li> <li>• acknowledges it is true that _____</li> <li>• admits that _____ but goes on to say _____</li> <li>• addresses misconceptions about _____ by _____</li> <li>• points out that those who think _____ are mistaken because _____</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Provides Analysis – explains the significance of the evidence.</b></p> <p>Explores a Concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explains that _____ is commonly associated with _____</li> <li>• further explores the concept of _____ by _____</li> </ul> <p>Compares or contrasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• compares _____ with _____ showing how _____</li> <li>• compares how this is similar to _____</li> <li>• points out the major difference with _____ is _____</li> </ul> <p>Advantages / Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• points out the advantages/disadvantage of _____ are _____</li> </ul> <p>Cause / Effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explains the effects of _____ are _____</li> <li>• explains the reason for _____ is _____</li> </ul> <p>Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• describes a pattern of _____ such as _____</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Provides Evidence</b></p> <p><i>Facts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• defines _____ as _____</li> <li>• gives examples of _____ like _____</li> <li>• cites facts like _____ to show _____</li> </ul> <p><i>Studies, Research &amp; Expert Opinion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• describes a study conducted in <u>year</u> by <u>Name of Person/Organization</u> about _____ which found that _____</li> <li>• quotes _____, (explain who this person is), who says, “_____.”</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Start Here</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>First &amp; Last name of author</u> begins by ...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Next, the speaker ...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To support his/her point, the author ...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To show how _____, the author ...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Last name of author</u> goes on to ...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Returning back to _____, the author ...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Last name of author</u> also</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> According to the speaker, he/she ...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finally, the speaker ...</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Recent or Past Events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• describes how in the past _____</li> <li>• refers to the historical event of _____ explaining how _____</li> <li>• brings up recent events like _____</li> <li>• reminds his audience of when _____</li> </ul> <p><i>Personal Experiences &amp; True Stories</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recounts a experience of when _____</li> <li>• describes events he/she has witnessed like _____</li> <li>• tells the story of how _____</li> <li>• describes the experience of (name of individual or group) who _____ (explain who this person is &amp; what happened).</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions, Raises Concerns, Points Out Problems or Disagrees</b></p> <p>questions / speculates          points out a major problem with _____ is _____          explains a major disadvantage of _____ is _____          expresses concern about _____          warns that if _____ then _____          cautions that we must / must not _____          challenges the idea that _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Makes a recommendation, points out a solution or calls for a change.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proposes _____ because _____</li> <li>• urges / encourages _____ because _____</li> <li>• calls upon _____ to _____ so that _____</li> <li>• demands _____ needs to _____</li> <li>• emphasizes we have a duty to _____</li> <li>• stresses the urgency of _____</li> <li>• reminds us we have a responsibility to _____</li> <li>• envisions _____, but points out for this to happen _____</li> <li>• promises that if _____ then _____</li> <li>• suggests one solution to _____ is _____</li> </ul>

