

Citing Textual Evidence

A text is something that has been written down. The word evidence means proof. Citing textual evidence means looking into the text for proof that supports an idea or a claim or that answers a question.

Text evidence can take several forms, such as:

- Direct quotations
- Accurate summaries of what the text says
- Paraphrases of what the text says



When you use textual evidence, you should be specific about where the evidence is located in the text by including information such as page numbers, chapter names or numbers, etc. You should also explain why the evidence is important and how it supports your answer or claim.

DIRECTIONS: Practice citing textual evidence, by writing an answer to the assigned question.

What is the question? _____

What is your answer? _____

What is the evidence? _____

Where did you find this evidence? _____