

Challenging Standard Views

Presenting evidence sometimes requires you to challenge standard views in a field or on a subject. These views should be presented in such a way that signals to the reader that they are not incontrovertible truths; rather, you are going to examine them and highlight their strengths and weaknesses, providing evidence that challenges or contradicts these standard views. Some useful signal phrases include:

- Many say that ____
- It is widely thought that ____
- Many in the field assume that ____
- It is the view of established "experts" in the field that _____. Yet many coming up in the field behind them today are thinking _____.
- People have long believed _____.



What standard view are you going to challenge in your paper?

Choose from the templates above to write a sentence that introduces that standard view, signaling to the reader that you are going to challenge it.
