

# Summarizing What "They Say"



When summarizing evidence, you simply report the facts; this is not the time to express your own opinions or conclusions. A summary of evidence should be objective, which means that it should not indicate whether you agree or disagree with what you are presenting.

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose one of the templates below for summarizing evidence. Use the template to summarize the evidence you are using in your essay. You may adjust the template as needed if none of them are exact fits for the information you have to present.

- In dealing with the question of \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ have taken several approaches. X argues \_\_\_\_\_. Y and Z, on the other hand, maintain \_\_\_\_\_. Yet a third plausible explanation is W's conclusion that \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is \_\_\_\_? Previous work by X and Y has suggested that \_\_\_\_\_. Work by W supports both this explanation and \_\_\_\_\_, which was first suggested by Z.

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