

List of Quotation Verbs

In order to introduce or analyze a quote or passage, consider using one of the following verbs:

acknowledges	elucidates	praises
addresses	embodies	questions
adds	emphasizes	reaffirms
admits	encourages	reasons
advocates	endorses	recommends
agrees	exclaims	reflects on
argues	exemplifies	refutes
asserts	exhorts	reinforces
believes	explains	rejects
boasts	explores	reminds us
calls for	extols	renounces
characterizes	grants	reports
claims	highlights	responds
clarifies	illustrates	reveals
comments	implies	says (use only as a last resort)
compares	implores	states
complains	insists	suggests
confirms	justifies	supports
contends	laments	symbolizes
conveys	makes clear	thinks
declares	mentions	urges
demands	muses	verifies
denies	notes	warns
depicts	observes	writes
describes	pleads	
disavows	points out	according to X, “
dramatizes	portrays	in the words of X, “

(I would not recommend using the word *proves*; that is usually far too strong.)

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