Templates for Introducing Quotes and Paraphrases

Emphasizing Authorial Action:

- X acknowledges/observes that _____
- X agrees/believes that _____
- X denies/does not deny that _____
- X claims/insists that _____
- X concedes that _____
- X complains/argues that _____
- X demonstrates that _____
- X deplores the tendency to _____
- X celebrates the fact that _____
- X emphasizes that _____
- X questions whether _____
- X refutes the claim that _____
- X reminds us that _____
- X suggests/urges that _____

Introducing Direct Quotations:

- X states, “_____”
- As the prominent philosopher X puts it, “_____”
- According to X, “_____”
- In her book, _____, X maintains that “_____”
- Writing in the journal _____, X complains that “_____”
- In X’s eyes, “_____”
- X agrees/disagrees when she writes, “_____”
- X complicates matters further when he writes, “_____”

Explaining Quotations:

- Basically, X is saying _____
- In other words, X believes _____
- In making this comment, X urges us to _____
- X is corroborating the age-old adage that _____
- X’s point is that _____
- The essence of X’s argument is that _____

Introducing an Ongoing Debate:

- In discussions of X, one controversial issue has been _____.
  On the one hand, X argues _____.
  On the other hand, Y contends _____.
  Others even maintain _____.

- When it comes to the topic of _____, most scholars will readily agree that _____.
  Where this agreement usually ends, however, is on the question of _____.
  Whereas some, like X, are convinced that _____, others, like Y, maintain _____