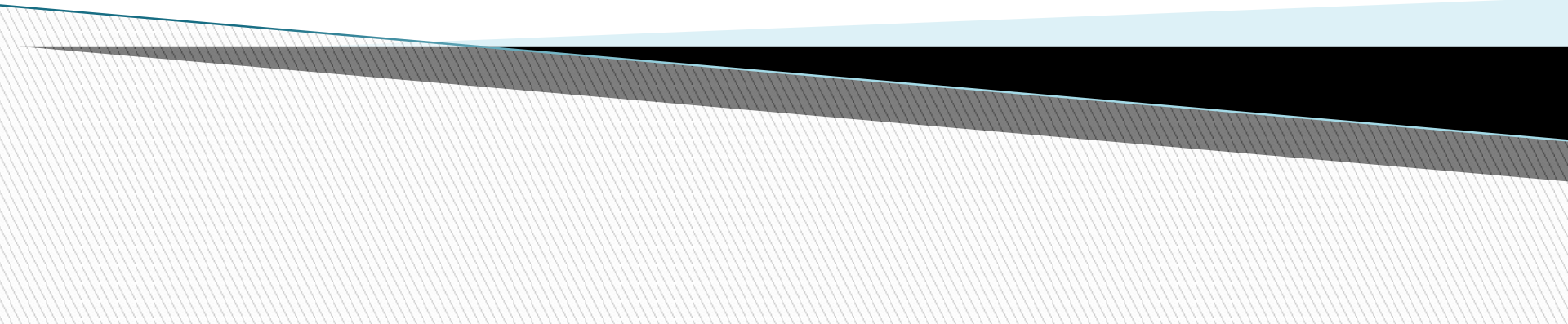


Citing Textual Evidence

Explicit Textual Evidence



Why use Explicit Textual Evidence

When we read, we are often asked to answer questions or express our ideas about the text.



Why Use Explicit Textual Evidence

In order to let people know that we aren't just making stuff up, we should always use Explicit Textual Evidence to support our answers, ideas, or opinions about texts we read.



Why use Explicit Textual Evidence

In real life, people who can back up an opinion or idea with Explicit Textual Evidence are taken more seriously than people who can only give a reason of “just because.”



What is Explicit Textual Evidence

The name really says it all...

- ▶ **Explicit** = direct
- ▶ **Textual** = from the text
- ▶ **Evidence** = support for your answer, idea, or opinion



How to give Explicit Textual Evidence

Giving Explicit Textual Evidence about your answers, ideas, or opinions regarding a text is pretty simple. You just have to do three things:

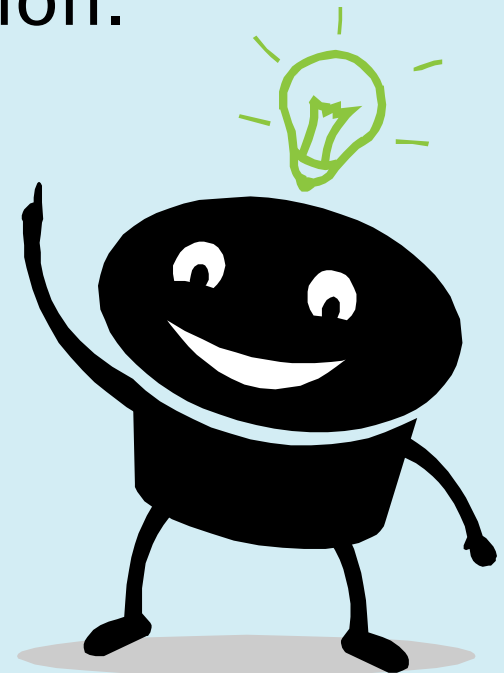
- ↪ State your idea
- ↪ Specify what in the text led you to that idea
- ↪ Comment on the evidence



How to give Explicit Textual Evidence

State your idea:

- ↪ State the idea you had about the text. If you are responding to a specific question, be sure your idea addresses the question.



How to Give Explicit Textual Evidence

State your idea (continued)...

- Your ideas concerning a text might be about...
 - what the text says directly
 - the author's point of view or opinion on the topic
 - a writing technique the author used to emphasize or enhance part of the text
 - the author's purpose for writing or intended audience
 - how well the major supporting ideas and details of the text support the author's main idea
 - and much more!

How to Give Explicit Textual Evidence

Specify what in the text led you to that idea:

- ↪ Pick out the part or parts of the text that led you to your idea. Give that evidence to your reader in the form of a **paraphrase** or **direct quote** from the text.



How to Give Explicit Textual Evidence

Specify what in the text... (continued):

↪ **Paraphrasing** is when you describe something that the text said without copying directly from the text.

↪ **Example of paraphrasing:**

- The sentence above says that when you paraphrase you should not copy anything directly from the text.

How to Give Explicit Textual Evidence

Specify what in the text... (continued):

↖ **Direct Quoting** is when you include a short part of the text that you copied exactly from the text in your own writing. Direct quotes need to have quotation marks around them.



- Example of direct quoting:
 - The sentence above says that when you quote directly, “you include a short part of the text that you copied exactly from the text” (slide 11).

How to Give Explicit Textual Evidence

Specify what in the text... (continued):

↩ Here are some sentence starters for specifying what in the text led you to your idea:

- In the first paragraph, the author says...
- The text states...
- The text describes... For example...
- The author explains...
- The author argues... For instance...

How to Give Explicit Textual Evidence

Comment on the Evidence:

- ↩ Explain how the quote(s) or paraphrase(s) you pointed out as evidence support your idea.



How to Give Explicit Textual Evidence

Comment on the Evidence (continued):

↩ Here are some sentence starters for commenting on the evidence:

- This shows...
- This is because...
- This means...
- This reveals...
- This illustrates...
- This highlights the difference between...

Conclusion

Remember, you need to give Explicit Textual Evidence whenever you state an answer, idea or opinion you have about a text. To do so, you need to...

- State your idea
 - Specify what in the text led you to that idea
 - Comment on the evidence
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