**COMMENTARY HELP**

Questions to ask about your commentary:

* Is it specific?
* Does it reveal the 'so what'?
* Does it explain the significance or relevance of your quotation?
* Why does what you are saying matter?
* Does it support your Topic Sentence? Does it support your Thesis?
* What is the result?

Possible verbs that can help you ANALYZE your quotation and how it supports your theme statement.

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Use language from the quotation to support your theme statement. Here are some possible sentence frames.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suggests/proves\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ validates/confirms/reinforces \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is evidence that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an example of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.