Introducing Sources: Templates (1-2)
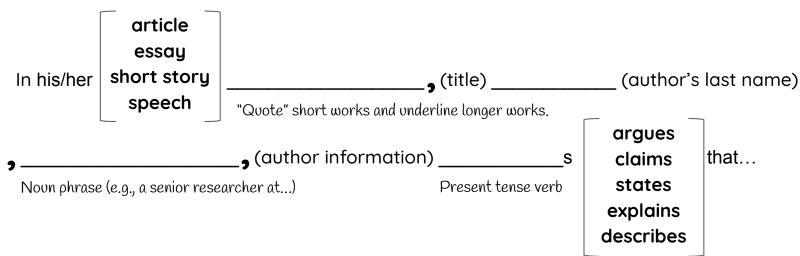
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Template 1 - Introducing text type, title, and author

In the _____ [article / essay / short story / poem] _____ (title) **,**

"Quote" short works and underline longer works.

_____ (author's name) _____s [argues / claims / states / explains / describes] that …

Use last name or first and last name · · · · · · Present tense verb

Template 2 - Introducing text type, title, author, and author information

In his/her [article / essay / short story / speech] _____ **,** (title) _____ (author's last name)

"Quote" short works and underline longer works.

, _____ **,** (author information) _____s [argues / claims / states / explains / describes] that…

Noun phrase (e.g., a senior researcher at…) · · · · · · Present tense verb

Additional Words

Common genres include essays, editorials, news articles, poems, short stories, and novels
Common verbs for says include argues, claims, explains, states, summarizes, describes, and narrates.

Introducing Sources: Templates (3-5)

Writing Process: Working with Evidence

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Template 3 - Introducing an author and/or name of source

According to _____ (author's last name)**,** describe what the author says...

According to _____ (source's name)**,** describe what the source says...

_____ (author's name) _____s [**claims** **states** **explains** **describes**] that...

Use last name or first and last name   Present tense verb

Template 4 - Introducing visual texts

The _____ [**chart** **graph** **diagram** **photograph** **map**] titled _____ shows...

Template 5 - Introducing data and research

The data from _____ (name the source/research study) [**describes** **illustrates** **suggests** **shows**] that/the...