**Introductory Phrases**

Use introductory phrases to tell the reader what the author thinks or does in their text. Consider using the following after you have given the author’s name (and the year or notation):

* X states that…
* X claims that…
* X asserts that…
* X agrees that…
* X strongly argues…
* X comments that…
* X suggests that…
* X comments that…
* X says that…
* X observes that…
* X takes the view that…
* X contends that…
* X believes that…
* X proposes that…
* X concludes that…
* X maintains that…
* X concedes that…
* X notes that…
* According to X…
* As X states…