

# TRANSITIONAL WORDS & PHRASES

## *Informative Writing*

### TO SHOW TIME

- first... next...then...  
last
- soon
- as soon as
- suddenly
- during
- later

### TO CONCLUDE YOUR WRITING

- In conclusion...
- To sum up...
- As you can see...

### TO CONTINUE AN IDEA

- likewise
- also
- additionally
- comparatively
- in the same way
- with regard to
- together with
- another
- equally
- coupled with
- as an example
- in the first place

### TO EXPLAIN

- after all
- as can be expected
- clearly
- generally
- of course
- usually
- specifically
- obviously

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## *Opinion Writing*

### TO MAKE A CONNECTION

- also
- as an example
- furthermore
- for instance
- in addition
- similarly
- not only \_\_\_\_\_ but also \_\_\_\_\_

### TO EXPLAIN

- after all
- as can be expected
- clearly
- generally
- of course
- usually
- specifically
- obviously

### TO SHOW A RELATIONSHIP

- likewise
- by the same token
- comparatively
- in comparison
- in the same way
- with regard to
- together with

### TO MAKE A COUNTERPOINT

- another possibility
- alternatively
- aside from
- even though
- on one hand
- on the contrary
- in contrast
- nevertheless
- however

# TIPS For Citing **TEXT EVIDENCE**

## WHEN WRITING ABOUT...

- A **poem** say, "According to the **speaker**..."
- **Fiction** say, "The **narrator** states..."  
or "The character says..."
- **Nonfiction** say, "The **author** writes that..."

### DO WRITE:

- For instance...
- On page 5...
- This proves that...
- According to the text...
- In paragraph 2...
- In source 2 paragraph 5...
- The author state...
- Based on this information...

### DO NOT WRITE:

- The book/poem said...  
(Books & poems don't talk!)
- The book told me...  
(Highly doubtful; see above)
- My book...  
(Only the author can say that!)
- I think...  
(Of course you do!)
- I will show you...  
(Just do it already!)



How to Use

TIPS

# TEXT EVIDENCE

- It is obvious that Heidi loves animals. **For instance**, she cares for the goats and plays with them every day.
- **According to page seven of the article**, Artic sea creatures include "...little single-celled creatures, called radiolarians, that look like lacy snowflakes." **This proves** that life can exist in cold glacial waters.
- **In paragraph 5, the narrator states** that the girls nibble half of their cookies and saved the rest for their baby sister. **This shows** that Laura and Mary are loving and generous
- When Tom is told to whitewash the fence, he tricks others into doing it for him by making it seem fun. **This incidence provides evidence** that Tom is clever and crafty.
- **The author states** that Abe Lincoln was always reading and that he studies past midnight on most nights. **One can infer** that he valued education.
- **Based on the information** in Captain Scott's diary, readers learn that bad weather impeded his attempt to reach the South Pole.