

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to analyze textual evidence effectively to support an argument or general statement. They will learn how to quote, paraphrase, and summarize information from a text, enhancing their writing and critical thinking skills.

Materials and Prep

- A notebook or paper for notes
- A pen or pencil
- A short text or article (can be a passage from a book, an article, or a poem)
- Access to a dictionary or thesaurus (optional)

Before the lesson, ensure the student has a short text selected for analysis. This will be the basis for practicing quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing.

Activities

• Activity 1: Quote Quest

The student will read the selected text and find three quotes that they believe support a main idea or argument. They will write these quotes down and explain why they chose each one.

• Activity 2: Paraphrase Challenge

After identifying the quotes, the student will pick one quote and paraphrase it in their own words. This activity will help them understand the content while practicing their writing skills.

• Activity 3: Summary Sprint

The student will write a brief summary of the entire text in 3-5 sentences. This will encourage them to identify the main ideas and communicate them concisely.

• Activity 4: Argument Builder

Using the quotes, paraphrase, and summary, the student will construct a short argument or statement about the text. They will present their argument to a family member or friend for feedback.

Talking Points

- "Quoting is like borrowing someone else's words to make your point stronger. It shows you have evidence!"
- "When you paraphrase, you're putting the author's ideas into your own words. It's a way to show you understand the text."
- "Summarizing means picking out the main ideas and putting them together in a shorter form. It's like giving a quick overview!"
- "Using textual evidence helps your arguments sound more convincing. It's like having a superhero sidekick for your ideas!"
- "Make sure to connect your quotes and paraphrases back to your main argument. They should work together like a team!"
- "Practice makes perfect! The more you quote, paraphrase, and summarize, the easier it will become."
- "Remember to always credit the original author when you quote or paraphrase. It's important

to be respectful of their work!"