

## COMMENTARY STARTERS

-for use with essays, paragraphs, and journals...

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This shows...  
This demonstrates...  
This means... or The words \_\_\_x\_\_\_ in the passage mean...  
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One can see from this...  
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This event in the novel shows/proves/explains...  
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