Working With Arguments:

SPQ and SEA Strategies

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SPQ for Citing Text

Summary	**P**araphrase	**Q**uote
Big ideas of a text Cite page numbers, if applicable, without quotation marks.	Writer's content/ ideas in your words Cite page numbers, if applicable, with "quotation marks" only around words and phrases that are identical in word order to the original text.	Direct, word for word citation Cite page numbers and use "quotation marks" around word for word content.

When ***citing text,*** use a combination of summaries, paraphrases, and quotations. Your choices involving which to use (S, P or Q) depend on the content and the reason for including the citation in your composition.

SEA Strategy

S - subclaim	**E** - evidence	**A-** Analysis

Using the SEA strategy for developing and for self assessing points that support your main claim:

Argument and analysis compositions require a clear claim or argument statement often referred to as a **main claim** or a ***thesis statement***. This statement serves as your ***anchor*** for a composition. What follows this claim are your reasons or sub-arguments (also referred to as "sub-claims") that support the main claim or ***anchor*** in your composition.

Using S.E.A. to develop and self-assess your draft:

Read through your paper's body sections and annotate the content in each section with the letters ***S.E.A.*** to self assess if you are developing your points/sub-claims/reason fully with your own discussion / analysis of the cited content. When you are missing a letter in ***S.E.A***. in your self assessment, more content is needed.

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