

Cite the Text: Introductory Phrases



~Good readers make **inferences** as they read by using **evidence** from the text and their own background knowledge.

~When you make an inference, it is important to cite the text, or point out where the author gave you clues or evidence, that led to your inference.

~An **introductory phrase** helps you cite the text that supports your inference.

**Introductory phrases often come at the beginning of the sentence and refer to the text or author.*

Directions: Read each sentence below and underline the introductory phrase.

1. Based on the text, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was rejected from her first try at working for a judge because she was a woman, and at that time it was not common for a woman to be a lawyer.
2. According to the author, Shakespeare was not only known as an excellent playwright but also a talented actor.
3. According to the text, Rosa Parks' act of bravery on the bus caused the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955.
4. As stated in the text, Dr. King continued to fight for justice in a nonviolent way even though his life and family were threatened.
5. Based on the text, the tiger is now at the top of the list of endangered animals.
6. According to the text, each position in basketball requires certain skills and qualities.

Directions: Add an introductory phrase to each sentence.

1. _____, Cesar Chavez taught Mexican immigrants to read.
2. _____, Dr. King worked as a pastor in Montgomery, Alabama, for five years.
3. _____, he graduated from high school at the young age of 15.