Introducing quotations

- X states, "_____________________________.
- As the prominent philosopher X puts it, "_____________________________."
- According to X, "_____________________________."
- X himself writes, "_____________________________.
- In her book, __________________, X maintains that "_____________________________.
- Writing in the journal Commentary, X complains that "_____________________________."
- In X’s view, "_____________________________."
- X agrees when she writes, "_____________________________."
- X disagrees when she writes, "_____________________________."
- X complicates matters further when she writes, "_____________________________."

Explaining (Paraphrasing and Summarizing) quotations

- Basically, X is saying ______________________.
- In other words, X believes ______________________.
- In making this comment, X argues that ______________________.
- X is insisting that ______________________.
- X’s point is that ______________________.
- The essence of X’s argument is that ______________________.

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