

THEY SAY, I SAY PARAGRAPH TEMPLATE

The general argument made by (author)_____ in the work, (title)_____, is that (general topic)_____. More specifically, (author's last name)_____ argues that (main argument)_____. She/he writes, “ (provide specific example/quote to support main argument)_____.” In this passage, (author's last name)_____ is suggesting that (explain the purpose of the example/quote)_____. In conclusion, (author's last name)_____’s belief is that (restate main argument)_____.

In my view, (author's last name)_____ is wrong/right (choose one), because (provide general argument)_____. More specifically, I believe that (give a specific reason/s)_____. For example, (give a textual or real-life example to support your argument)_____. Although (author's last name)_____ might object that (explain what the author's counter-argument would be)*_____, I maintain that (provide your reasoning to support your side)_____. Therefore, I conclude that (restate your opinion)_____.

*Even if you agree with the author, find a point of contention. Where would the author disagree, even if slightly?