Argument Sentence Stems and Transitions

**Evidence**

The author/article/passage states that…

The author claims that …

The author says/states…

According to the text/author, …

**Explanation of Evidence**

In other words, the author believes that…

This shows/explains/illustrates…

This means/confirms/suggests…

This argument is weak because…

**Reasoning (connecting evidence to claim)**

This is important because…

This evidence suggests…

This shows that…

This confirms…

**Counterclaim**

People who disagree/Critics may claim…

Some might argue…

**Transitions**

In addition,

In contrast,

Another key point is…

Consequently,

For instance,

Similarly,