

The basic model for handling an in-text citation is as follows:

Author + the verb *said* + quotation:

For example:

Steven Sheinkin said, “Oppenheimer complained that Secretary of State Byrnes didn’t seem to understand the implications of the bomb” (215–216).

When writers are relying heavily on material from source texts during a writing-on-demand assessment, this construction will soon become repetitive. Continuing repetition of *said* does not enhance the quality of sentences. The following list provides alternatives students can use with quotes:

- suggest
- state
- contend
- note
- exclaim
- assert
- elaborate
- shout
- detail
- explain.

Now that we have some stronger verbs, writers can experiment with those, as well as modify the basic formula above to fit with their own prose. For example:

*Quotation + the verb + author:*

“Oppenheimer complained that Secretary of State Byrnes didn’t seem to understand the implications of the bomb,” stated Sheinkin (215–216).

*Quotation + verb & author + more quotation:*

“Oppenheimer complained,” suggested Sheinken, “that Secretary of State Byrnes didn’t seem to understand the implications of the bomb” (215–216).