

## Analysis Verbs

Often times you can start to move from summary to analysis by using analytic verbs. Instead of retelling us the author’s argument with verb such as “says,” or “discusses,” “talks about,” try creating claims from these **Verbs for Analysis**:

<i>Claim</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Recommend</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>
Argue	Acknowledge	Complain	Advocate	Compare
Assert	Admire	Complicate	Call for	Generalize
Believe	Agree	Contend	Demand	Assume
Claim	Endorse	Contradict	Encourage	Distinguish
Emphasize	Extol	Deny	Exhort	Differentiate
Insist	Praise	Deplore	Implore	Reveal
Observe	Celebrate	Qualify	Plead	Invoke
Remind	Corroborate	Question	Recommend	Construct
Maintain	Reaffirm	Refute	Urge	Classify
	Support	Reject	Warn	
	Verify	Renounce	Propose	
		Repudiate	Suggest	

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