

TIPS

Evidence Based Terminology



When writing about ...



A poem: "According to the **speaker** ..."
(A **speaker** is used in a poem)



Fiction: "The **narrator** ... states"
or "The **character** says..."
(Fiction includes a **narrator** and **characters**)



Nonfiction: "The **author** writes that..."

Do write

- ❖ For instance...
- ❖ On page 5...
- ❖ This proves that..
- ❖ This shows that..
- ❖ According to the text..
- ❖ In paragraph 2...
- ❖ The author states...
- ❖ Based on this information...

Never write

- ❖ The book/poem said...
(Books & poems don't talk!)
- ❖ The book told me...
(Highly doubtful; see above.)
- ❖ My book...
(Only the author can say that!)
- ❖ I think...
(Of course you do!)
- ❖ I will show you...
(Just do it already!)

