

The general argument made by author X in her/his work, _____, is that _____. More specifically, X argues that _____. She/he writes, "_____." In this passage, X is suggesting that _____. In conclusion, X's belief is that _____.

In my view, X is wrong/right because _____. More specifically, I believe that _____. For example, _____. Although X might object that _____, I maintain that _____. Therefore, I conclude that _____.

FIGURE 4.7 • Blank They Say, I Say Two-Paragraph Template

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