

Citing Evidence Examples from Class 12/12/2014

Example 1 from class: Book name and page number in parenthesis.

Marian Anderson had to overcome many obstacles in her life, one of those was that she did not come from a wealthy background and could not afford music lessons. Her father died when she was twelve and her mom had to clean houses to support the family. (Classics for Young Readers p. 130) However, her friends and neighbors helped Anderson pay for private lessons. Her church also had a fundraiser to help pay for Anderson's music lessons. With support, Marian Anderson was able to overcome a poor childhood in order to study music and eventually become one of the most celebrated contralto singers of all time.

Example 2 from class: Referencing text

Marian Anderson had to overcome many obstacles in her life, one of those was that she did not come from a wealthy background and could not afford music lessons. On page 130 of Classics for Young Readers, the author states that her father died when she was twelve and her mom had to clean houses to support the family. However, her friends and neighbors helped Anderson pay for private lessons. Her church also had a fundraiser to help pay for Anderson's music lessons. With support, Marian Anderson was able to overcome a poor childhood in order to study music and eventually become one of the most celebrated contralto singers

Example 3 from class: Quoting Text

Marian Anderson had to overcome many obstacles in her life, one of those was that she did not come from a wealthy background and could not afford music lessons. Her father died when she was twelve. "Her mother worked long hours cleaning houses and taking in laundry," to support the family. (Classics for Young Readers p. 130) However, her friends and neighbors helped Anderson pay for private lessons. Her church also had a fundraiser to help pay for Anderson's music lessons. With support, Marian Anderson was able to overcome a poor childhood in order to study music and eventually become one of the most celebrated contralto singers of all time.

2nd page has more citation examples.

Cite Your Evidence!

You need to prove it!

- The boy was sad **because** his dog ran away.
- Sally loved the ocean. **For instance**, she visited the beach whenever she could.
- John loves his dog, **For example**, he often talks about how cute he is.
- The force of the wind was very strong, I know because **the author stated** that the wind could shatter the window.
- According to the text**, the purpose of a robot is to complete a job.
- On page 8**, the **author states** that Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system.

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!)

