This statement (quote) is important because ..... 
______________ is trying to say/tell us ...
This means ..... 
This shows us that ..... 
This relates to ..... 
The statement (quote) relates to my position because ..... 
This is clear because ..... 
Based on this statement (quote), I can conclude/infer that ....... 
Therefore, ..... 
However ..... 
What ________________ means is ..... 
For example, ..... 
This statement (quote) reminds me of ..... 
As a result of ________________ , (tell us what should happen next) 
This situation is similar to ..... 

THINK ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS WHEN YOU ELABORATE:

1. Why do we care (about the quote you chose)?
2. So what?
3. How does the statement (quote) support your POD and Thesis?