**Using Textual Evidence to Support Assertions**

**Directions:**

1. React to the text and make a claim (assertion). Write this sentence as the topic sentence of a paragraph.
2. Select a quote from the text that supports this claim. In one sentence:
3. Introduce the quote by stating who is speaking and what is happening
4. Place the quote in the sentence using correct punctuation
5. Use correct MLA citation at the end of the sentence
6. Write several sentences (a minimum of three) that **support and explain** how the quote proves your claim.

**Example:**

The speaker’s father sacrifices his own comfort for that of his family. The speaker of the poem describes his father’s typical pattern of behavior with the words, “Sundays too my father got up early” (line 1). These words show that the father expresses his love for his family by sacrificing his own comfort and rest. The word “too” implies that the father gets up early not only during the workweek but also on Sundays in order to make the house warm and comfortable for his family.

**Graphic Organizer for Pre-writing:**

**Assertion:**

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| **Evidence (quotation or detail and context)** | **Inference - Commentary** |
| **Textual Reference (quote with citation):** | **Thematic idea suggested by evidence (one word or phrase – the big picture):** |
| **Context (who is speaking and what is happening):** | **Commentary (several sentences that support and explain):** |