Context Sentence Starters

Use the sentence starters below to compose, edit, or revise the context sentences in your argument. Remember that context sentences introduce your quote. It is important that these sentences provide your reader with enough background information to make your evidence useful, logical, and reliable. Context sentences are an essential part of your argument.

Context Sentence Checklist

Check each context sentence by completing the checklist below:

- My context sentence(s) introduces the quote by stating the quote's author's:
- ρ Name $~\rho$ Role/Title $~\rho$ point of view/purpose $\it or~\rho$ one fact about the time period
 - My context can be improved if I...

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Use one or more of the sentence starters below to compose an effective context sentence. Fill in the blanks.

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1. On,		explained
his/her reasons for		
(date	(role/title)	(full
name of source)		
of quote)		
(actions this source wants to see happen in Darfur)		
2. According to		/
" <quote>". (citation)</quote>		
3. In ,		
	ne fact about the time period)	
(date of quote (role of event)	e/title)	
or how long before/after event)		
	_ described his/her reasons	s for
(full name of source)		
(actions this source wants to see happen in Darfur)		

Context Sentence Examples

Finally, read the examples below and compare them to the sentences you wrote. Make any necessary revisions.

- 1. On April 2nd, 2004, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Jan Egeland, explained his reasons for calling for an immediate ceasefire in Darfur. "...cquote>..." (Egeland, 2004)
- 2. According to Jan Egeland, United Nations Under-Secretary

- General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, "...<quote>..." (Egeland, 2004)
- 3. In May of 2004, the United Nations Security Council called on the Sudanese government in Khartoum to disarm the arab militia known as the Janjaweed. One month later, Jan Egeland, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator described his reasons for calling for this ceasefire in an interview with IRIN news on April 2, 2004. "...<quote>..." (Egeland, 2004)