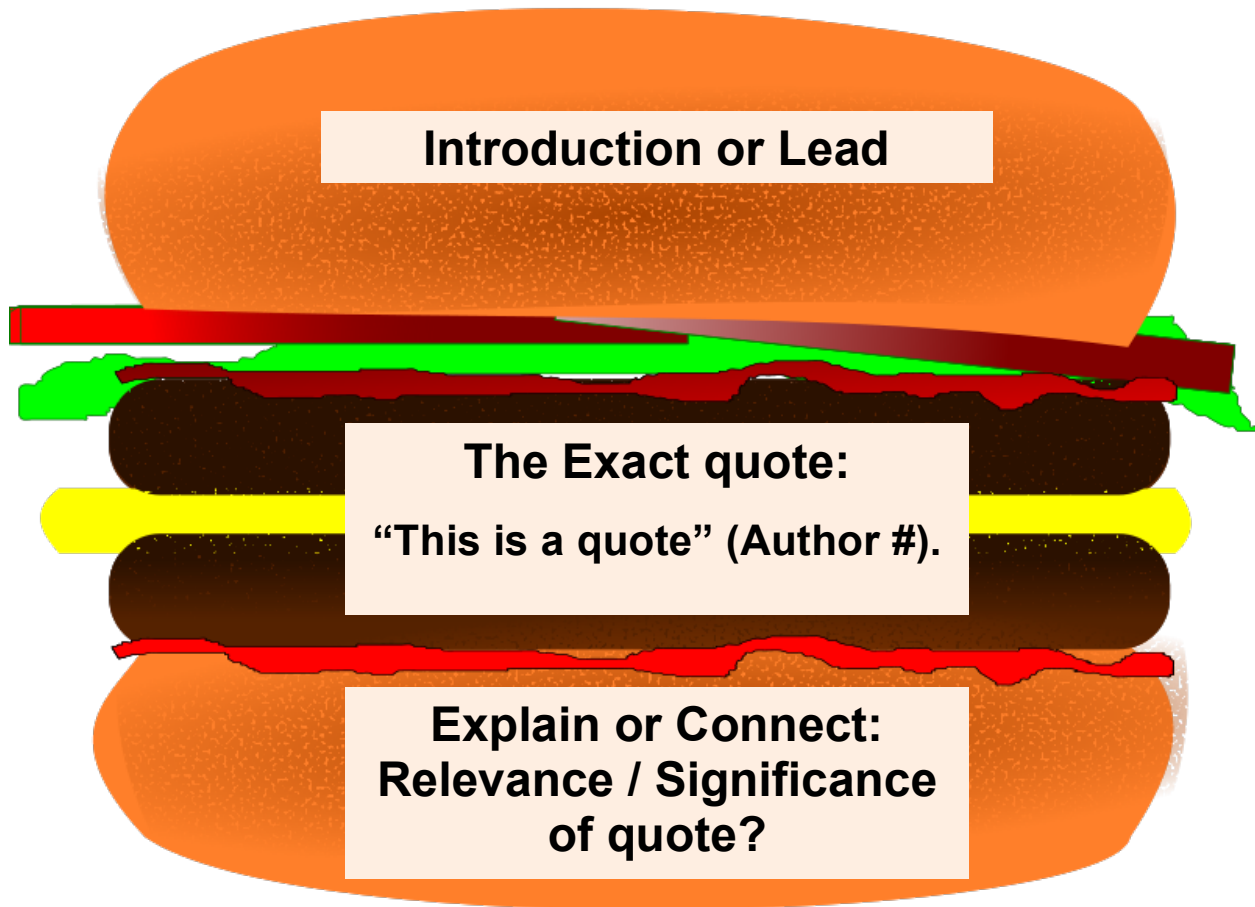


THE QUOTE BURGER

Embedding text quotations within your writing



The Quote Burger: Framing the Quotation

1. **Introduce** the quote that supports your claim.
Why? A single phrase can help introduce your facts into your sentences and paragraphs in a fluid and coherent manner. An introduction also gives a context for the information for your reader.
2. **State the exact quote.**
Why? A text quotation is a direct source that can strengthen your argument and give your argument validity. Consider using 2-3 lines or 1-2 sentences. Use the most important parts of the quotation.
3. **Interpret or explain** the quote in the context of your claim or argument.
Why? Quotations cannot speak – as the writer, you must explain how the quote is important and what it has to do with your claim or main point.

Sentence Frames: Introductions & leads for embedding quotes

- X states, “ _____ ”
- According to X, “ _____ ”
- In the article, _____, X maintains that “ _____ ”
- X agrees when she states, “ _____ ”
- X demonstrates that, “ _____ ”
- According to _____, “ _____ ”

Ways to Introduce Quotations:

- **You can use a full sentence followed by a colon to introduce a quotation:**

Example: The research emphasizes improved safety: “The study found the Heads Up group had an average 2.5 fewer head impacts per practice...” (*USA Today*).

- **Begin a sentence with your own words, then complete it with quoted words:**

Example: Heads up players show a “...76 percent reduction in overall injuries” (*USA Today*).

- **To quote a critic, a researcher, or an expert, you can use an introductory phrase naming the source or author, followed by a comma:**

Example: Jeff Miller, NFL senior vice president of health and safety policy, explains, “I would tell a parent...there’s no safer time for your son to play football” (*USA Today*).

Sentence Frames: Explaining & Connecting Quotes

Ask yourself what the quotation suggests and how does it support your claim? Quotes cannot speak for themselves – you will need to do the talking for them. Interpret the quotation for your audience.

USE THESE	AVOID THESE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In other words, X believes _____.• X is insisting that _____.• X’s point is that _____.• X illustrates that _____.• X demonstrates that _____.• In short, _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “This quote proves that....”• “This quote says”• “This quote shows that...”

MLA Formatting for In-Text Quotations & Citations

Parenthetical Citations or Documentation

Print / Known Author: “The exact quote” (Author #).

Print / Unknown Author: “The exact quote” (“Title Short Work/Article” #).

Ellipses: Use the most important part of a quote

Ellipses (...) allow you to omit parts of a quotation. This allows a writer to use the most important part of a direct quote. When using ellipses, make sure your sentence is still grammatically correct! The [...] tells the reader that part of the quotation has been omitted.

Remove the beginning of a quotation:

There is a “...76 percent reduction in overall injuries” (*USA Today*).

Remove the middle of a quotation:

“I would tell a parent...there’s no safer time for your son to play football” (*USA Today*).

Remove the end of a quotation:

“The study was done by the Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention...” (*USA Today*).

[Note: The end punctuation is outside the parentheses, at the end.]

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