

Quote Integration Review

Research Paper Edition!

What NOT to do:

- Never DROP a quote into your writing – always integrate quotations
- In other words, a quote should not stand alone as its own sentence, you must use your own words to introduce it.

What you **SHOULD** do:

- Choose the most important part of the quote.
- Make sure the quote fits grammatically within your sentence.
- Use an ellipses as needed to omit unnecessary parts of the quote.
- Use brackets [] to add or change words.

The Quote “Sandwich”

- Each integrated quote should use the quote sandwich (named because you are “sandwiching” the quote with your own words):
 - Quote intro: provides context, signals quote is coming
 - Quote: choose only important parts of quote that prove your point
 - Commentary: explain how the quote helps prove your topic sentence/thesis
 - In-text citation: give credit to the author

Integration Patterns:

- **Pattern #1: An introducing clause plus the quotation:**

Gatsby is not to be regarded as a personal failure *because* "Gatsby turned out all right at the end", according to Nick (Fitzgerald 176).

- **Pattern #2: An assertion of your own and a colon plus the quotation:**

Fitzgerald gives Nick a muted tribute to the hero: "Gatsby turned out all right at the end" (176). **This works best if your quotation is a complete clause

- **Pattern #3: An assertion of your own with quoted material worked in:**

For Nick, who remarks that Gatsby "turned out all right" (176), the hero deserves respect but perhaps does not inspire great admiration. **This works best when you pull only power words from the quotation.

Research Paper Example:

“Leeches like to come out to eat after heavy rain, and will hang from branches and leaves waiting for their next meal to walk by. They’ll drop straight onto you, or arch along the ground from sucker to sucker until they can attach themselves to your flesh. Because of the anesthetic they produce, you will probably not feel a thing. If you do spot one and want to get it off, the quickest and easiest way is a quick squirt of mosquito repellent. The possible problem with this method is that there is a slightly higher risk of infection, as the leech will regurgitate its stomach contents with the shock” (Corwin 95)

1. Could I use this quote “as is”?
2. Which parts should I choose? Ask: What am I seeking to prove?
Example 1: I’m seeking to prove how to remove leeches
3. Now decide how you want to “introduce the quote”.
Option 1: Introduce the quoted material with a brief reference to the author, article title, or website
Option 2: Blend the quote with your own words.

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Option 1: Introduce the quoted material with a brief reference to the author, article title, or website

- According to author Marshall Corwin, “the quickest and easiest way [to remove a leech] is a quick squirt of mosquito repellent” (95).
- Survival expert Marshall Corwin advises that “the quickest and easiest way [to remove a leech] is a quick squirt of mosquito repellent” (95).
- “The quickest and easiest way” to remove a leech, according to survivalist Marshall Corwin, “is a quick squirt of mosquito repellent” (95).

Note the citation in each of these examples!

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Option 2: Blend with your own words

- Experts report that “the quickest and easiest way [to remove a leech] is a quick squirt of mosquito repellent” (Corwin 95).
- People hiking in high-risk areas should remember that “the quickest and easiest way [to remove a leech] is a quick squirt of mosquito repellent” (Corwin 95).

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Transition Review

- Remember to transition both between ideas & between paragraphs!
- When transitioning between paragraphs, you can transition at the end of the paragraph, in the clincher, or at the beginning of the next paragraph, in the topic sentence.
- As with all things in writing, VARIATION IS KEY! Vary your transition types and locations!