

Some Notes on Quotes

Why should I use quotes at all?

- Paraphrasing wouldn't do it justice
 - *Note, even if you paraphrase, you still must cite!
- Example (i.e. literary analysis, book review, etc.)
- To provide context for an intensive analysis of a short excerpt (i.e. literary analysis)
- Strengthen your argument with credible source

The Quote Sandwich

1. Lead-In Sentence(s)
 - a. Provides context
 - b. Signals quote is coming
 - c. Transition words help: "for instance," "for example," or "in fact"
2. Quotes
 - a. Concise
 - b. Directly relevant to point
3. Analysis/connecting Sentence(s)
 - a. Makes connection to significance FOR the reader
 - b. Moves reader from quote to your own point

Break Down

Lead in:

For instance Dr. Willy Weather, a weather specialist at Stanford University, was quoted saying,

Quote:

"Sandy has claimed more lives than any of us expected, and seems to be continuing to do so" (72).

Analysis/connection:

In fact, not only has it surpasses their expectations, but it has caused more deaths than both Hurricane Irene and Katrina.

Let's watch Colbert demonstrate

Helpful Formula for Analysis/Connecting Sentence

| Analysis | Interpretation of Facts |
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| _____ and _____ (action word)'s that (point you're making). | If (stat/fact from quote) then (connecting to point). |
| Ex: "Quote blah blah," (72). The "blah" and "blaH" in this excerpt demonstrates that Ms. Z wants the readers to focus on only the structure of the sentence. | Ex: "Study shows blah" (3). If blah, then this is the point I'm trying to make |