

# Incorporating a Quote into Your Paper

## Using ACQC

### Assertion:

- Directly answer the question using formal and academic language.

### Context:

- The context introduces your quote.
- Tells the reader what they need to know in order to understand the quote.
- Explains the action in the part of the story/article the quote comes from.
- Should be a general statement and a complete sentence.

### Quote:

- Begin and end with quotation marks
- Supports your assertion and proves that it's not true.
- Choose only the parts of the quote that most directly support your assertion.
- Skip over unnecessary words with an ellipsis (...)
- Include page numbers in parentheses at the end of the sentence.
- Make sure the end of your quote looks like this: "quote"(11).

### Commentary:

- Begin with a transition word or phrase.
- Explains HOW your quote supports your assertion.
- This is the most important part of your response and it should be the longest part of your response.
- This should give your citation closure as you transition to the next idea.

### Transitions for commentary:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This quote characterize...</li><li>• In this passage, the river symbolizes...</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This scene depicts...</li><li>• This exchange between Tom and Jim exposes..</li></ul> |
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### Words for commentary:

Reveals, demonstrates, depicts, displays, discusses, suggests, exposes, explores, suggests, emphasizes, highlights, proves, underscores, exemplifies, examines