

## Quote Integration

Use the following guidelines to practice, and then use the tips to properly incorporate your research into your senior paper!

### **\*\*General Guidelines\*\***

- Author's name goes in parenthesis after the quote AND quotation marks
- Punctuation (period, comma, etc.) goes AFTER the end parenthesis containing the author's last name
- For articles found online, only include a page number if using a PDF file which shows the page number. Otherwise, just the author's last name is acceptable.
- When in doubt, check the OWL at Purdue

All of the examples will use the following "quote" from an article written by an author named Jim Anderson: "The negative effects of video games are long-lasting, serious, and include dementia, inability to focus, uncontrollable rage, and a loose grip on reality."

1. Quotes will NEVER stand alone. I will strike all stand-alone quotes from your paper and grade what is left. Your quote must be embedded in a fluid sentence that contains both the quote and your own words.

- Which of these examples sounds better?
  - (A) Video games are bad for kids. "The negative effects of video games are long-lasting, serious, and include dementia, inability to focus, uncontrollable rage, and a loose grip on reality" (Anderson). This research shows that the negative effects of video games just are not worth the enjoyment that comes from playing them.
  - (B) The benefits of playing video games do not justify the risk of developing "dementia, inability to focus, uncontrollable rage, and a loose grip on reality" (Anderson).

2. Your quotes should not be introduced by a statement such as "according to (insert author's name)..." EVERY TIME you use one! It's acceptable to use this method a few times, however.

Example of what NOT to do: According to Anderson, "the negative effects of video games are long-lasting, serious, and include dementia, inability to focus, uncontrollable rage, and a loose grip on reality."

3. Your quote MUST be part of a sentence that also contains your own words and ideas, preferably ones that explain or introduce the quote.

Example of what to do: The potential benefits of long-term video game usage are just not worth the possibility of developing some of the more serious negative side effects, "includ[ing] dementia, inability to focus, uncontrollable rage, and a loose grip on reality" (Anderson).

4. For this assignment, you are NOT allowed to use quotes that are five lines or longer.

5. If you use a quote-within-a-quote (a line from your research in which the author quotes another source), identify that quote by enclosing it in single quotation marks (' ').

For example, let's say that I want to use this line from a source written by Anderson: *There are several experts who strongly disagree with the idea that video games are bad for children, especially when it comes to gaming consoles like the Nintendo Wii, which promotes a level of "physical activity that is ignored by other gaming consoles."*

The quote would look something like this when used correctly: Some experts believe that video games can have positive effects on children, especially ones such as "the Nintendo Wii, which promotes a level of 'physical activity that is ignored by other gaming consoles' " (Anderson).

**Practice:** Write a sentence that incorporates part of the quote given AND the information asked for in the prompt.

1. Write a sentence that explains why healthy lunches should be offered at every school in the US.

Quote by Miller: Children who eat a balanced diet are more alert, more likely to receive high grades in school, and less likely to be reprimanded for behavioral problems.

2. Write a sentence that introduces your argument that there should be stronger guidelines on head injuries in the NFL and explain your reasoning.

Quote by Jenkins: Even minor head injuries caused by blunt trauma, like helmet-to-helmet hits, can lead to memory loss, dizziness, bleeding of the brain, and even death.

3. Write a sentence that introduces a **counter argument** to your position that the death penalty is a wrong.

Quote by Martin: 87% of violent offenders go on to commit more crimes when released from prison, and oftentimes these crimes are more violent than the ones they were first convicted of.

4. Write a sentence that explains the need for stronger government regulation of public assistance, like welfare and food stamps.

Quote by Simpson: The American public ends up paying over \$4 billion a year to cover the fraudulent use of food stamps and welfare by people who either don't need government assistance or businesses that inflate the amount of goods sold at discounted prices to customers needing government assistance.

5. Write a sentence showing that the universal healthcare program used in Canada could work in the United States.

Quote by Thomas: Canada, like the United States, heavily taxes the wealthiest 2% of its citizens, but Canada uses that money to partially fund its effective universal healthcare program.