

Paraphrasing, Quoting, and In-Text Citing Exercises

Using your assigned reading homework, choose **three** passages (brief sections) of text from the reading that seem especially important, relevant, or useful to you. You will quote **or** paraphrase these passages, your choice, but remember that you should only quote when the exact wording from the text is especially memorable or important; otherwise, you should paraphrase.

For each passage that you have chosen, compose a quote or paraphrase “sandwich”:

- A. First, introduce the quotation or paraphrase in your own words and ideas about the passage.
- B. Second, quote or paraphrase the passage, including the correct MLA parenthetical in-text reference citation (typically with the author’s last name and the page number).
- C. Then, analyze or explain the significance of the passage in two or three sentences of your own words and ideas.

Here is one example of a quotation sandwich:

Academic writing is different from less formal styles of writing. According to *The DK Handbook*, “Academic writers can’t just say anything; instead, they must take responsibility for any claims they make by giving supporting evidence and helping readers check that evidence” (Wysocki and Lynch 199). This helps readers take arguments seriously, especially when academic writers provide clues about where to fact check their own work. That must be why documenting sources is so important – it helps convince the audience that their evidence is so solid that they can check it out for themselves.

For help, refer to the back of your textbook, pages 360 through 361, on “Incorporating Sources” and especially “Using Transition Verbs Between Your Writing and a Source.”

Remember: Every paraphrasing/quoting/citing exercise-assignment this semester will require a total of three “sandwiches” from you specifically derived from your assigned reading homework. You are also required to type this homework per basic paper formatting instructions that we covered during our Week One computer-lab writing exercise. Print the assignment to turn in ALWAYS within the first ten minutes of class. (And please do the printing ON YOUR OWN TIME, *never* during class time.) If you miss class, then you must email the assignment to the teacher’s inbox within the first ten minutes of class time.