

How to Support a Thesis using CCQC's

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COMPONENTS OF A CCQC (Claim, Context, Quotation, Commentary)

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Sample Single Support Paragraph—CCQC—from *The Odyssey*

Out of all the physical trials Odysseus faces, his biggest challenge is nothing more than getting over his own pride. Upon arriving in the Underworld on his long journey, Odysseus and his men meet a shade named Tiresias who knows Odysseus' hubris often gets him in trouble. He also knows that this pride could put Odysseus in grave situations in the future, so he warns, "One narrow straight may take you through his blows: denial of self and restraint of shipmates (162)." This advice urges Odysseus to lead his shipmates very firmly without becoming too self-righteous. If he follows this guidance his crew will most likely make it through a tough trial. These qualities Tiresias tells Odysseus to acquire can be seen in any successful leader; they must be able empower their citizens and provide hope in dark times. Often times this requires giving up a large ego or status and devoting one's self to important responsibilities. Even though Odysseus is a war hero and the smartest man in Greece he must become more humble before he can be called a truly great leader.

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Sample Double Evidence Paragraph—CCQC\CQC—from *The Handmaid's Tale*

Isolating the women and turning them against each other is the most successful way the controllers of Gilead are able to keep women from questioning their place in society. When the women find even the smallest ways to unite they remember how things used to be, and they gain a little bit of power. For instance, during one of their walks, Ofglen and Offred finally look at each other face to face and begin to speak. After their hurried whispers Offred says, “But I can’t believe it; hope is rising in me, like sap in a tree. Blood in a wound. We have made an opening (169).” This small human connection in a world full of routine and formalities gives Offred the hope she had almost lost. Offred gains even more hope when she gets into a sticky situation with Cora, a Martha in her household. They could get each other in trouble, but instead they decide to help each other out. Offred says, “It pleased me that she was willing to lie for me, even in such a small thing, even for her own advantage. It was a link between us (152).” Once again Offred expresses the relief she finds in another human connection. Both of the newfound friendships bring back memories of everything she has lost from her previous life--memories that the rulers of Gilead are trying bury in order to prevent uprisings. They also bring the possibility of acquiring more information about other women in the community and the outside world. If the women of Gilead stay informed and connected, rather than isolated, they have more power. They have the combined strength to fight back.

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