

Quote Analysis - The Easy Way!

Just remember: **WPAE!!!**

1. **Writing the quote**
2. **Paraphrase**
3. **Analysis**
4. **Evaluation**



Ways to introduce quotes:

When (event in book) happened, (character) states, "..."

Ex: When Macbeth has recently defeated his enemy on the battle field, he states, "So foul and fair a day I have not seen" (I.III.39).

(Character) explains: "... (citation).

(Your own words) "direct quote from the book"...

Ex: Macbeth contemplates the contrast between the ominous weather and his success in battle stating, "So foul and fair a day I have not seen" (I.III.39).

Ways to paraphrase:

Directly look at quote and replace the text with your own words. It is vitally important to maintain the same meaning:

Ex: In other words, Macbeth acknowledges the contrast of the threatening weather and the destruction of battle with the glory of defeating his enemy.

Ways to analyze:

Look at the subtle parts of the quote, and explain why the author used them in his writing - Tone, diction, mood, figurative language (metaphors, similes, imagery, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification...there are A LOT).

Ex: The paradox (contradictory statement) Shakespeare uses, "...foul and fair..." emphasize that the day is both shockingly good and bad.

Ways to evaluate:

Show the importance of the quote with respect to your argument and your thesis. Explain the significance...Tell the reader why they bothered to read your essay. This is where you tie your thoughts in a nice bow. This is the place to discuss the theme/s evident in the novel.