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When you add a quotation into your writing, you need to make sure that your reader understands WHY you chose that quotation and how it supports your main idea. There are three steps to integrate a quotation into your writing:

Introduce it

Introduce your quotation with a signal phrase and verb (see below).

Quotation and Citation

Explain it

Explain in your own words why the quotation is important. What does it mean? How does it support your thesis?

Introducing Quotations

Signal Phrases	Verbs		
According to [Author], ...	agrees	highlights	reports
In [Title], [Author]...	argues	illustrates	responds
[Author] shows that...	asserts	implies	suggests
[Author] argues that...	believes	insists	thinks
[Author] + choose verb from the right	claims	notes	
	compares	observes	
	confirms	points out	
	endorses	reasons	