Incorporating Quotes

# Ways to incorporate quoted Evidence

1. Leading Sentence followed by a quote
2. An assertion of your own with quoted material worked in
3. An assertion of your own with a colon, followed with a quote

# Examples

1. **Leading Sentence followed by a quote**
* The witches curse Macbeth with the ominous words, “Sleep shall neither night nor day / Hang upon his pent-house lid” (1.3.19-20).
* Not long after the witches say, “Fair is foul, and foul is fair,” Macbeth mirrors them with his initial line, saying, “So foul and fair a day I have not seen” (1.1.12, 1.3.39).
1. **Assertion of your own with quoted material worked in**
* Lady Macbeth plans for Macbeth to deceive Duncan by “Look[ing] like th’ innocent flower” (1.5.76-77).
* Lady Macbeth believes that “a little water clears [them] of this deed,” but Macbeth wishes he did “not know [himself],” hinting that this deed goes much deeper than Lady Macbeth is willing to admit (2.2.86 ,93).
1. **Assertion of your own followed with a colon**
* Macbeth believes that his sins are so drastic that they have stained his soul and he will never be able to cleanse himself: “Will all great Neptune’s ocean wash this blood / Clean from my hand?” (2.2.78-79).

# Things to avoid

1. **Quote dumping**
	* As the plot unfolds, Macbeth proves to be much more assertive. “The Prince of Cumberland! That is a step / On which I must fall down or else o’erleap” (1.4.55-56).
2. **Introducing the quote poorly (often writing about the quote as a quote rather than an event that is happening right now)**
	* The quote says, “That is a step / On which I must fall down or else o’erleap” (1.4.55-56).
	* For example, “That is a step / On which I must fall down or else o’erleap” (1.4.55-56).
3. **Ellipsis at the beginning of your quote unless you are quoting the author’s ellipsis (you are always leaving something out before your quote, and the reading public is okay without an ellipsis). It is okay to begin your quote mid-sentence and even to change the capitalization.**
	* Macbeth believes not all the water in the world can “…wash away this blood” (2.2.78).