

Embedding Quotes



A quote should always be a part of a sentence, it should never stand alone. There are many ways to embed a quote:

-Use a colon. Example: Hamlet denies Rosencrantz's claim that thwarted ambition caused his depression: "I could be bounded in a nutshell and count myself a king of infinite space" (Hamlet 2.2).

-Introduce a quote by telling the reader who spoke it. Example: Hamlet denies Rosencrantz's claim that thwarted ambition caused his depression. He states, "I could be bounded in a nutshell and count myself a king of infinite space" (Hamlet 2.2).

When including quotes in your writing, you should:

1. Provide context--you must describe what is happening in the play at the time of the quote, instead of assuming the reader will know.
2. Tell the reader who is speaking the quote.
3. Explain the significance of the quote. Why did you choose it? How does it prove your point?
4. Provide your citation for the quote.