Integrating Textual Evidence

The ICE Method

Certain quotes pack a lot of punch, and we can uncover an author's intent or message by examining them more closely.

These quotes are also vital in supporting our arguments when answering open-ended questions.

FOR EXAMPLE

1. What motivates Peter Parker to become Spider-Man?

"With great power comes great responsibility."



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INTRODUCE CITE EXPLAIN



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INTRODUCE:

- Who said it?
- When did he/she say it?

THIS GIVES CONTEXT TO YOUR READER SO THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR QUOTE!

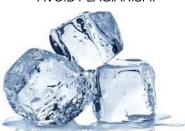


So how do I integrate a quote within my answer?

CITE:

- Direct Quote when you use the author's exact words.
- Paraphrase when you put the author's ideas into your own words

THIS GIVES **CREDIT** TO THE AUTHOR AND HELPS YOU AVOID PLAGIARISM!

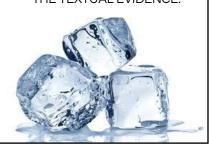


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EXPLAIN:

- Why does this quote matter?
- How does it impact the story?
- How does it support your answer?

THIS MAKES A CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR OPINION AND THE TEXTUAL EVIDENCE.



FOR EXAMPLE

1. What motivates Peter Parker to become Spider-Man?

ANSWER: The death of Uncle Ben motivates Peter Parker to finally use his powers for a purpose - becoming Spider-Man.



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Who said it? Benjamin Parker to Peter Parker in Spider-Man

What was the context? He notices Peter's attitude is changing, and that he's "shirking chores" and "getting into fights". He doesn't know about Peter's powers; he just wants to give Peter some life advice.

How does this affect the story? Peter takes this as a sort of Call to Action. After Uncle Ben's death, he realizes that he needs to use his powers to help others, instead of just being selfish or having fun. This becomes Peter's mantra.

FINAL ANSWER

(Answer) The death of Uncle Ben motivates Peter Parker to finally use his powers for a purpose - becoming Spider-Man. (Introduce) Before his death, Uncle Ben notices Peter's attitude is changing, and that he's "shirking chores" and "getting into fights". He doesn't know about Peter's powers; he just wants to give Peter some life advice. (Cite) He tells Peter, "with great responsibility comes great power" (Lee). (Explain) After Uncle Ben gets murdered, Peter takes these words as a sort of call to action. Uncle Ben's words of advice help Peter to realize that he needs to use his powers to help others. This becomes Peter's sole motivation for becoming Spider-Man.

Let's try one together!

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Here's how Mrs. LaFlamme would have answered it.

(Answer) In Roald Dahl's "Lamb to the Slaughter," it is apparent that Mary Maloney has grown indifferent towards her husband. (Introduce & Cite) Even though, at the beginning of the story, the reader sees her waiting for her husband to arrive home from work, she does so "without anxiety" (Dahl 1). (Explain) She displays minimal emotions, and appears to simply be going through the motions of life. (Introduce & Cite) The narrator depicts Patrick's arrival home by stating that Mary "took his coat and hung it up. Then she made drinks" (Dahl 1). (Explain) This scene shows the routine that Mary has fallen into in her marriage to Patrick. She liked the routine, rather than the relationship. (Introduce & Cite) It took her murdering her husband before "all the old love for him came back to her" (Dahl 3). (Explain) In this quote, the author purposefully describes her love as "old" in order to emphasize the lack of feelings that she initially had for her husband at the beginning of the story.