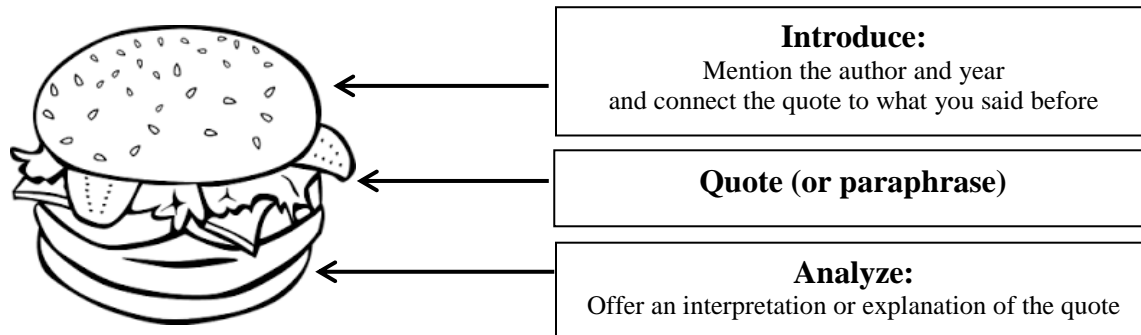


Tips for Integrating Quotations

Using too many quotes in a paper can make it seem like you don't have your own ideas about the topic. Try to use a **quote sandwich** for quotes and paraphrases to keep the emphasis on your own ideas. In other words, use your own words before and after the quote.



Introduce the Quote or Paraphrase: (bread on top)

You should always mention the author and connect the quote to what you said before. You can also optionally prepare your reader for the quote in one of the following ways:

- You can tell your reader how to read the quote (Examples 1 & 2)
- You can connect the quote (or paraphrase) to the larger academic conversation (Example 4)

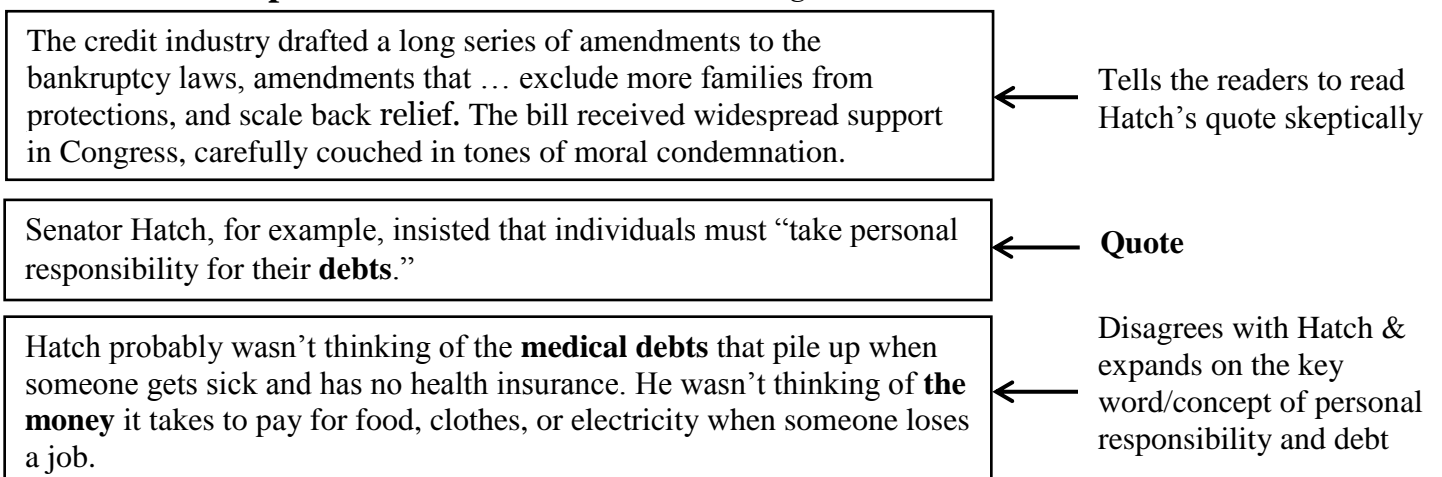
Analyze the Quote or Paraphrase: (bread on the bottom)

After the quote or paraphrase (the sandwich meat/filling) you should include some commentary or an explanation of the quote. There are many ways to do this.

- You can reword the quote for emphasis or explain the implications (Examples 2 & 3)
- You can choose a key word or concept to expand on (Example 1)
- You can agree or disagree (or agree in part) with the quote (Examples 1 & 3)

Putting it all together: Quote Sandwich Examples

Sandwich Example #1: From Warren, E. *What's Hurting the Middle Class*



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Sandwich Example #2: From Rogers, M. *Race and dignity: Freedom can't be left to chance.*

Black lives are so easily devalued, leaving them open to an uncertainty that is unevenly distributed throughout society.

← Expresses a claim the author will support with evidence in the next sentence

According to a Pew Study, between 2010 and 2013, white median wealth increased by 2.3 percent while median wealth for black households fell by 33.7 percent ... black males are at far greater risk than their white counterparts of being killed when they have contact with police.

← **Paraphrase** of statistics

This, we must understand, speaks to and confirms blacks' lower standing in our society.

← Emphasizes the importance of the statistics

Sandwich Example #3: From: Krugman, P. *The Conscience of a Liberal*

And there's another way in which inequality damages us: It corrupts our politics.

← Tells the reader that the quote is going to be about corruption

"If there are men in this country big enough to own the government of the United States," said Woodrow Wilson in 1913, **in words that would be almost inconceivable from a modern president**, "they are going to own it."

← **Quote** (with Krugman's words in the middle in bold)

Well, now there are, and they do. Not completely, of course, but hardly a week goes by without the disclosure of a case in which the influence of money has grotesquely distorted U.S. government policy.

← Agrees in part & explains implications

Sandwich Example #4: Adapted from The Harvard Gazette

There's good evidence of links between a child's weight and his or her risk of other diseases, too.

← Introduces a general trend in the research

Signal phrases

→ **Camargo (1999) found that**, contrary to popular belief at the time, obesity appears to increase the risk of asthma in children, **a finding subsequent studies have supported. Perhaps most distressing:** **Ludwig (2005) predicted that** childhood obesity could shorten the average person's life span by two to five years.

← **Paraphrases** 2 sources & connects Ludwig's ideas to what others have said

The complications of childhood obesity are shocking; obesity is not just causing psychological issues.

← Explores an implication/emphasizes importance of the research findings