

Quote Integration Practice

Top 4 QI issues:

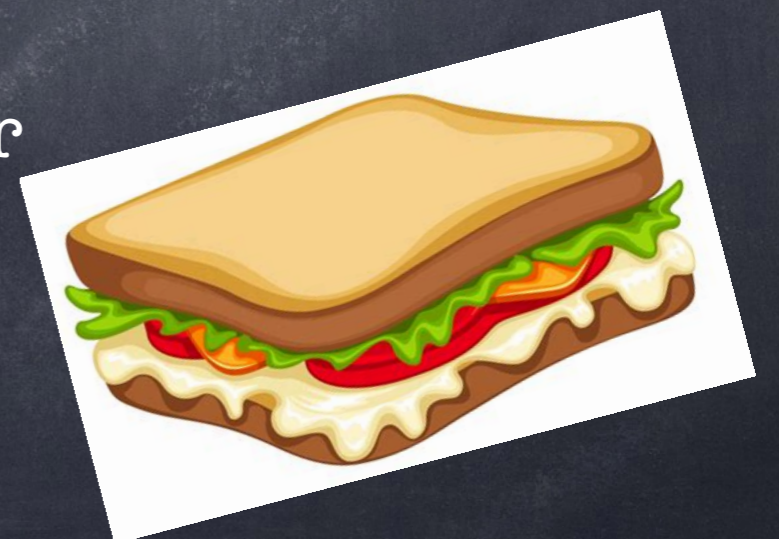
1. Dropped quote/no introduction
2. Too much quote/not enough summary
3. No commentary—how does quote relate to topic sentence/thesis?
4. Improper citation

Remember the “Quote Sandwich?”

Each integrated quote should use the Quote Sandwich (named because you are “sandwiching” the quote with your own words):

- **Quote intro:** provide context, signal quote is coming
- **Quote:** choose only important parts of quote that prove your point
- **Commentary:** explain how the quote helps prove your topic sentence/thesis
- **In-text citation:** give credit to the author

Note: the “sandwich” is usually multiple sentences—not just one!



Dropped quote/ no introduction

"I leave thee alone; alone with thy infant, and the scarlet letter! How is it, Hester? Doth thy sentence bind thee to wear the token in thy sleep? Art thou not afraid of nightmares and hideous dreams?" (67). As this quote exhibits, Hawthorne utilizes the scarlet letter as symbolism for Hester's remorse.

As Chillingworth leaves Hester after his interview with her in the prison, following her time on the scaffold, he states,

"I leave thee . . . alone with thy infant and the scarlet letter . . . Art thou not afraid of nightmares and hideous dreams?" (67).

Hester is alone with her child, her letter, and her remorse.

Dropped quote/ no introduction

Sunshine is a symbol of virtuousness through the book, "Thou must gather thine own sunshine. I have none to give thee!" (97). In this instance, sunshine represents the purity that Hester is lacking. She cannot give Pearl any sunshine because the darkness covers her up.

As Hester and Pearl walk to the governor's hall, Pearl is attracted to the sunshine and asks Hester for some. Hester replies, "Thou must gather thine own sunshine. I have none to give thee!" (97). In this instance, sunshine represents the purity that Hester is lacking. She cannot give Pearl any sunshine because the darkness covers her up.

Too much quote/ not enough summary

Despite this exquisite description, the reader can immediately see how the scarlet letter affects Hester "When the young woman . . . stood fully revealed before the crowd, it seemed to be her first impulse to clasp the infant closely to her bosom; not so much by an impulse of motherly affection, as that she might thereby conceal a certain token which was wrought or fastened into her dress" (45).

Despite this exquisite description, the reader can immediately see how the scarlet letter affects Hester, who, as she stands before the crowd holding her baby and wearing her letter, "clasp[s] the infant closely to her bosom; not so much by an impulse of motherly affection, as that she might thereby conceal a certain token which was wrought or fastened into her dress" (45).

Too much quote/ not enough summary

However, the town eventually forgave her. Hawthorne states at the beginning of chapter thirteen, "Hester Prynne did not now occupy precisely the same position in which we beheld her during the earlier periods of her ignominy . . . Hatred, by a gradual and quiet process, will even be transferred to love" (190).

However, the town eventually forgave her, and did not view her as they once had, showing that "hatred, by a gradual and quiet process, will even be transferred to love" (190).

Remember:

- Introduce your quote—tell who is saying it and why
- Keep your quote short—only use what is necessary to make your point
- Explain what your quote means—how it ties to your TS
- Finish with an in-text citation—page number in parenthesis followed by ending punctuation