

Tips for Integrating Quotations Handout

Step 1:

- Select a quotation you would like to integrate into your piece.
 - Sample: “We went knuckling along the wooden floor on the calloused pads of our fists, baring row after row of tiny, wood-rotted teeth.” (p. 226)

Step 2:

- Select a word, or several words, from that quotation that carry significant ideas.
 - Sample: “We went knuckling along the wooden floor,” “baring row after row of tiny, wood-rotted teeth” (p. 226).

Step 3:

- Compose a sentence that includes those words and the point you want to make. There are several ways to do this:
 1. Write a complete sentence and use a colon to introduce the quote.
Sample: The narrator describes the animal-like behavior of the pack: “We went knuckling along the wooden floor” (p. 226).
 2. Write a statement ending in *that* to introduce the quote.
Sample: The narrator describes the pack’s aggressive behavior when she says that “[they] bar[ed] row after row of tiny, wood-rotted teeth” (p. 226).
 3. Write a statement followed by a comma to introduce the quote.
Sample: The narrator states, “We went knuckling along the wooden floor” (p. 226).
 4. Insert short quotations into your own sentence.
Sample: Russell uses descriptive language when she portrays the pack’s “wood-rotted teeth” (p. 226) to emphasize the pack’s wildness.