Integrating Quotations

Warning: Don’t Drop That Quote!
A “dropped” or “floating” quotation is plopped down in your essay with no integration with your own words. It’s as if you’ve copied and pasted the quotation in. To avoid this, use smooth “TIES” between quotations and your own writing.

TIES: Tag, Introduce, Embed, Split

➢ Tag: Add the signal phrase after the quotation.
  o Ex. “But the 1950s were not, in the end, as calm and contented as the politics and popular culture of the time suggested,” cautions Alan Brinkley, author or American History: A Survey (817).

➢ Introduce: Add the signal phrase before the quotation.
  o Ex. According to Brinkley, “But the 1950s were not, in the end, as calm and contented as the politics and popular culture of the time suggested” (817).

➢ Embed: Embed only a portion of the quotation in your own sentence.
  o Ex. Although the 1950s appeared “calm and contented,” this was more of an image produced by “politics and popular culture” than the reality (Brinkley 817).

➢ Split: Add the signal phrase in between natural divisions in the quotation.
  o Ex. “But the 1950s were not, in the end,” Alan Brinkley argues, “as calm and contented as the politics and popular culture of the time suggested” (817).

A Few Side-Notes:
➢ The first time you use a source, it helps to introduce the author’s full name, the title, and any other pertinent information.
➢ After this, you can use just the author’s last name.
➢ If MLA citation is required, place it after the quotation.

YOUR TURN!
On the back of this paper write 8 sentences using each method of integration (TIES) twice and at least two different quotations. You may want to use quotations from your own course reading, or you may use those provided below. (Don’t worry about page numbers.)

➢ Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life. --Immanuel Kant (1724 - 1804)
➢ It is unwise to be too sure of one’s own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err. --Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)
➢ Good people are good because they’ve come to wisdom through failure. --William Saroyan (1908 - 1981)
➢ No man is wise enough by himself. --Titus Maccius Plautus (254 BC - 184 BC)

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YOUR TURN!

1. Tag:

2. Tag:

3. Introduce:

4. Introduce:

5. Embed:

6. Embed:

7. Split:

8. Split:

STOP

Finally, check your sentences with a WRC instructor/tutor.

Attach a confirmation sheet or get a signature below:

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