

I.C.E. Paragraph Formatting

Sentence #1

- Topic sentence which relates to the thesis statement.
 - o (Don't forget to begin with a transition)

Sentence #2

- I – Introduce your citation with a lead in sentence.
 - o This sentence gives the reader some info about what's to come.

Sentence #3

- C – Cite your quotation
 - o Use transitions for citing quotations

Sentence #4

- E – Explain your quotation
 - o Why is this quotation important? Why does it support your thesis?

Sentence #5

- Wrap up sentence
 - o Sum up the importance of everything mentioned in the paragraph.

Example:

1. The cell phone is the greatest invention because of the ability to communicate in different ways.
2. **(I)** These days, almost everyone seems to carry a cell phone.
3. **(C)** According to Alexis Denisof, "most people in the developed world would admit to carrying some sort of handheld device, whether it's a laptop or a cell phone, at all times" (23).
4. **(E)** Cell phones give people the convenience to communicate with each other because so many people are carrying them and using them on a daily basis.
5. This convenience of so many people carrying cell phones is what makes it such a valuable invention.

Useful Transitions for citing quotations:

- According to (AUTHOR), “QUOTE”
- One article about (TOPIC) states that, “QUOTE” (Author, pg#).
- (AUTHOR) argues/supports/claims/reports/states that “QUOTE” (pg#).
- When discussing (TOPIC), (AUTHOR) argues/supports/claims/reports/states that “QUOTE” (pg#).
- In a (YEAR) study in (JOURNAL NAME or TOPIC), (AUTHOR) said “QUOTE” (pg#).
- In (JOURNAL NAME), (AUTHOR) explains that (QUOTE or PARAPHRASE) (pg#).