**Adding Quotations Properly**

In your *Acceleration* Essay, you MUST include one direct quotation in each body paragraph, and all other proofs may be paraphrased.

As part of the point, proof, comment structure of a paragraph, the PROOF is usually in the form of either:

* referring to an example from the text, or
* directly quoting an example from the text.

**When quoting, follow these steps (numbers here match the examples below):**

1. Give your point.
2. Using a quotation as proof, state who said the quotation. If it’s narration, who is narrating or speaking? Is it the author including the detail?
3. Use a comma, or if your words flow perfectly into the quotation, include no punctuation.
4. Include the quotation inside quotation marks
5. Include the page reference (format it as shown and NO OTHER WAY)\*
6. End the sentence or quotation as shown
7. Comment on how the quotation is good support for your argument.

**Basic Example: Advanced Example:**

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| Duncan is persistent and resourceful. He asks Wayne, for example, “I just need you to pick a lock. You can still do that, right?” (McNamee175). Here, he shows that he knows who to ask to get what he wants. | Duncan is a very persistent resourceful character. When he asks Wayne, for example, “I just need you to pick a lock. You can still do that, right?” he shows that he knows who to ask to get what he wants (McNamee 175).\* |

**NOTE:** Without introducing a quotation with your own words, you’re ORPHANING a quotation by placing it alone in its own sentence. And then you’re asking your reader to do with it what they will; never trust your reader to do what you should do – hold their hands where possible!