

Integrating Quotes Using Signal Phrases

A well-chosen quote can strengthen a paper. However, it is important that the quote is integrated smoothly into the paper so that your reader can follow the development of your argument. There are a variety of signal phrases writers can use to introduce a quote.

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Acknowledges | Comments | Emphasizes | Ponders |
| Adds | Compares | Endorses | Questions |
| Admits | Confirms | Exemplifies | Reasons |
| Advertises | Contrasts | Illustrates | Reveals |
| Agrees | Declares | Implies | Rejects |
| Argues | Demonstrates | Insists | Reports |
| Asserts | Denies | Notes | Responds |
| Believes | Displays | Observes | Suggests |
| Claims | Disputes | Points out | Writes. |

Telemachus reveals his insecurities when he ponders, “Mentor, How can I do it, how do I approach him?” (Homer 168).

Odysseus displays pure hubris when he yells to Polyphemus, “Cyclops, if ever mortal man inquire how you were put to shame and blinded, tell him Odysseus, raider of cities, took your eye: Laertes’ son, whose home is on Ithaca!” (Homer 970 – 974).

Advertising his arrogance, Antinous drinks his wine and shares “in that revelry amid his throng of friends...” (Homer 1783).