

## **Beginner's Guide to Integrated Quotes**

Integration of quotes: This phrase means that you use some of the words of another author and manipulate your writing to “fit” those borrowed words. The sentence that results should read as one sentence. **ALWAYS pick quotes that say it better than you could say it yourself. Don't use a quote to repeat what you just said. Always add meaning and depth. Otherwise, it's a waste of space on the page.**

The quotes below come from William Bell's novel *Stones*.

### **EXAMPLE 1**

#### **This is NOT integrated:**

Garnet doesn't like school. “I had been a problem student for my first three years.” He doesn't see the purpose of his education.

- Quote is thrown in awkwardly
- Point of view is inconsistent
- No author or page number mentioned

#### **This IS integrated:**

Garnet doesn't like school and was a considered a “problem student for [the] first three years” (Bell 16) of high school. He doesn't see the purpose of his education.

- Quote fits right into writer's sentence
- Doesn't flip from third person to first person
- Shows changes to quote by using square brackets
- Includes author and page

## **EXAMPLE 2**

### **NOT Integrated:**

Garnet's mother is slim and energetic. "My mother, a slender, fair-haired bundle of nervous energy." She likes to work.

- Thrown in, disconnected to previous sentence
- Repetitive
- No mention of author or page

### **INTEGRATED**

According to Garnet, his mother is a "slender, fair-haired bundle of nervous energy" (Bell 34), and is always ready for a journalistic adventure.

- Quote adds new information
- Fits into sentence
- Author and page included

## **EXAMPLE 3**

### **Not integrated:**

Garnet is angry when Raphaella brushes him off. "But instead of talking I stepped toward her, took her in my arms and kissed her."

- Not connected to what writer was saying
- Mostly plot, doesn't reveal Garnet's character
- No author or page

## **INTEGRATED:**

Garnet surprises himself by unexpectedly showing his feelings for Raphaella when he “step[s] toward[s] her, [takes] her in [his] arms and kiss[es] her” (Bell 90). Not even his anger at being brushed off stops him.

- Quote fits right into writer’s sentence
- Is connected and revealing
- Shows changes to quote with square brackets to keep consistent verb tense (present tense), but meaning is still the same.
- Author and page noted