

Research Paper Skills
Integrating Quotes & Thesis Statements
Assessment

Below you will see some excerpts with quotes. Determine if the quotes are smoothly integrated into the student's sentence. If your answer is YES, you are finished with that question. If your answer is NO, please re-write the sentence showing that you know how to use a quote in a natural, flowing way.

1. Knowing that an "everlasting funeral marches" around Elizabeth's heart, John's anguish of her distrust is shown when he proclaims, "You will not judge me more" (852).

Circle one: Is this quote worked in effectively? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the sentence so that the quote is smoothly integrated into the sentence.

2. When the play progressed, Reverend Hale began to stand up for himself and share his ideas and views of the trials. Reverend Hale said, "I denounce these proceedings. I quit this court" (876).

Circle one: Is this quote worked in effectively? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the sentence so that the quote is smoothly integrated into the sentence.

3. Once John takes Mary Warren to the courthouse, he tells her about Tobias and the angel, and how she needs to be strong by “[doing] that which is good... no harm shall come to thee” (875).

Circle one: Is this quote worked in effectively? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the sentence so that the quote is smoothly integrated into the sentence.

4. Hale demonstrated his change of heart when he said, “Your honor, I cannot think you may judge the man on such evidence” (961).

Circle one: Is this quote worked in effectively? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the sentence so that the quote is smoothly integrated into the sentence.

5. “My husband is a goodly man, sir,” said Elizabeth (974).

Circle one: Is this quote worked in effectively? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the sentence so that the quote is smoothly integrated into the sentence.



Thesis Statements

Read the thesis statements below. If it is a good thesis statement that can be well supported with commentary and concrete details, write YES. If the thesis statement is weak, circle NO and re-write the thesis statement.

1. Because of her well-supported credence, John suffered greatly with the loss of his life.

Circle one: Is this an effective thesis? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the thesis so that the writer could prove that John Proctor suffered the most through his crucible in the play, The Crucible.

2. Of all the characters in the play The Crucible, Abigail is the one that goes through the biggest alteration of character and changes to her true form due to all the tests she had to endure.

Circle one: Is this an effective thesis? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the thesis so that the writer could aptly prove that Abigail changed the most in the play.

3. Hale changes throughout the play, and for the best.

Circle one: Is this an effective thesis? YES or NO

If your answer is NO, please re-write the thesis so that the writer could aptly prove that Abigail changed the most in the play.

KEY to integrating quotes in an effective manner:

Only 1 and 3 demonstrate sophisticated ways of integrating quotes. The others should be re-written.

Key to thesis statements:

Only #2 is decent. The rest should be re-written. The others are either too vague or too difficult to understand. Number one either uses the wrong pronoun, or the wrong name (unless John Proctor had a sex-change). And “credence” is poor diction. The third one is just too vague, and implies that Hale was happy with his situation or person at the end of the play, which he wasn't.