English **Quotes integration** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In expository and persuasive writing, it is important to integrate quotes from the story into your sentences.

**Why?** 1) Makes your sentences flow better

2) Makes your point stronger because you are combing your own words with the authors, which makes your point more valid

3) It helps take redundancy out of your writing (saying the same thing more than once)

**Make sure:**

1) The quote is grammatically correct with your sentence (any changes go in square brackets [ ] )

2) If it is a longer quote you omit unnecessary parts with […] and only use the parts of the quotes that are crucial to your argument

3) Follow the quote with an explanation of how the quote proves what you are arguing.

4) Do not use two direct references in a row, use some of your own words in between.

5) Do not leave a quote by itself in a sentence, it should be part of YOUR sentence

6) Use quotes sparingly, you should have way more of your words than quotations

7) Cite your quotes. (author’s last name and page number)

**HOW**: Some reminders about including direct references:

***1. Only use the part of the quote that you need (if the quote starts with something that you need to change, just use your own words and start the quote later)***

**Weak:** “[April] knew there would never be complete honesty between [them].”

**Stronger:** April “knew there would never be complete honesty between [them] again (Monsioner 100).

***2. Explain/analyze what your quotes prove***

April “envied Cheryl” (Monsioner 40), because she wishes that she lived in a caring family as well. (Here the reader explains **why** April envied Cheryl

***3. Integrate smoothly into your sentences; a quote should never be its own sentence.***

**Weak:** “I envied Cheryl”

**Stronger:** April “envied Cheryl” (Monsioner 40). because she wishes that she also lived in a caring family.

***4. Change first and second person into third person***

**Weak**: April quotes “I would have to swallow hard but when Jennifer teased me, I started crying”

**Stronger:** April admitted that she tried “to swallow hard [and be brave] but when Jennifer teased [her] she started crying” (Monsioner 35.

**Now you try**

Statement: Cole’s has difficulty accepting his own role in the adversities he faces.

Quote: “I’m tired of being around someone who blames the world for all of his problems” (Mikaelsen 23). (This quote was spoken by Garvey)

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