

Citing Textual Evidence

7th Grade

Quoting properly, and the analysis that has to follow it.

A quotation proves nothing on its own. Introduce it, cite it, explain it.

INTRODUCE

1

Set the scene — who is speaking, and when.

QUOTE

2

Keep it short. Embed it inside your own sentence.

PUNCTUATE AND CITE

3

Quotation marks, then the page or line reference.

EXPLAIN

4

At least two sentences on what it proves and how.

SENTENCE STEMS

"The text states that..." · "This suggests..."

"The writer's choice of ___ implies..."

If the quotation is longer than your explanation, the balance is wrong.