

Lesson 25. Workshop: Inquiry-Based Research Essay and Media Projects

In our workshop today, we'll review ways to enter academic conversations through integrating quotes into your inquiry-based research essay. We will also explore current work (brainstorming, notes, drafts, etc.) with media projects.

Activity 1: Writing Tip—Integrating Quotes Into the Context of Your Writing

As you work with integrating quotes, there are wonderful models for ways to integrate other ideas in the text. Another template for support comes from Graff and Birkenstein, *"They Say/I Say": The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing* (2006). Check out various models from this book online, including www.csub.edu/eap-riap/theysay.pdf.

- Choose one of "The Most Important Templates," such as "Her argument that _____ is supported by new research showing that _____."
- Adapt this template to include one fact that you have found in your research that connects with a new finding. For instance, you might write, "Professor Smith's argument that beauty differs in various cultures is supported by other research showing that cultural needs can impact what is recognized as 'beautiful.'"
- Review the ways that you currently integrate quotes in your writing. Try various templates as you revise to integrate research, make connections, and provide context for your sources throughout your writing.

Activity 2: Peer Response and Media Inspiration

1. Identify one solid paragraph from the current draft of your essay to share with your literature circle team.
2. In teams, read your paragraph. Team members should listen closely and write some notes down for the author. Address the following questions:
 - From this section of the inquiry-based research essay, what images come to mind that can help represent the information presented?
 - What do you notice in the writing that can be presented through media?

Remember to think about the role of visual literacy and various media we have been studying throughout our culture study.

3. Share brainstorming for your media projects in teams.

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