How Do I Write Thoughtful Analysis?

Follow our three-step formula to include your examples and write your analysis: ICE. Introduce your example, Cite your example, then Explain your example.

Introduce Your Example

Use a signal phrase to provide an introduction to your quote.

In the article, the author/writer…

Acknowledges  adds  argues  asserts  claims

Contends  disputes  emphasizes  illustrates  implies

Notes  observes  suggests  thinks  writes

Cite Your Example

What should be cited?

Cite any lines that are taken word-for-word from an article.

Cite anything that is paraphrased from an article.

Example: In the article, the author claims, “Bears eat honey from the trees” (Milne 43).

Explain Your Example

Why is this important?

What does my quote have to do with my main point?