

ENG 103 – The Research Paper

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Turning Quotes from Sources Into Body Paragraphs

TASK #1: 1) Read / skim source for usable quotes (10 min.)

**Choose sentences from your sources. (If you have a printout, using a highlighter is a good idea). You can annotate PDFs electronically from many PDF apps / viewers.

'BUILD A QUOTE BOARD'

A quote board is a collection of quotes that you've typed / copied into an Google Docs / Word file along with the correct cite (Last name and page number)

By selecting passages that are important and that summarize the main points (and more
ence) from each source, you can effectively 'control' your sources for a
research paper.

SOME SOURCES WILL RE-INFORCE YOUR ARGUMENT.

SOME SOURCES WILL DISAGREE WITH YOUR ARGUMENT (BUILD A COUNTER
ARGUMENT).

Usually, you put your counterargument first in a research paper, then move on to the
sources you agree with, and those that help your argument.

We will discuss some possible 'essay maps' for research papers soon. Today we will
work on a
writing).

TASK #2: In an open Google Docs file or Word document, collect 3 useful short
quotes from your source. Be sure to include the correct citation (last name + page #) if
available. Each quote should be about 1 (or 2 sentences) max. [10 - 15 min.]

TASK #3: Create 2 short paragraphs that will include a claim and a quote sandwich
for 2 of your quotes from the quote board. (15 min.+) 'Write around' your quotes.

Using your 'quote board,' cut and paste a quote into a new file (your research paper draft). Build a body paragraph from this quote or quotes.

HERE ARE THE STEPS TO DO THIS:

❑ ❑ 1) MAKE A CLAIM --

"Definitions of 'strong' artificial intelligence show the difficulties in creating really intelligent robot." [EVIDENCE FROM 2 ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES]

"One film critic points out the inaccuracies in portraying Alzheimer's Disease in The Notebook but that it was effective in drawing attention to this illness."
[EVIDENCE FROM A FILM REVIEW -- Nexis Uni]

❑ ❑ 2) USE A QUOTE SANDWICH FOR EVIDENCE -- Use the source text words from another author as evidence.

Introduce a quote with a signal phrase. The author writes, "-----" (Smith 100).

❑ ❑ 3) QUOTE AND CITE (WORK ON THIS!!! Citing Sources handout shows you how.)

❑ ❑ 4) EXPLAIN QUOTE -- In this quote we see... EXPLAIN

❑ ❑ 5) TIE EXPLANATION TO YOUR CLAIM -- See this quote proves what I said -- and it advances my thesis or argument. *Many writers forget this important step.*

❑ 6) Repeat the above steps for a second quote sandwich. EVERY BODY PARAGRAPH in a good research paper should have a minimum of 2 quotes and cites.

❑ 7) When you are done building your body paragraph, you can COPY (Ctrl-C) and PASTE (Ctrl-V) this paragraph into your Research Paper Draft. Also, be sure to save your quote board file (if you are using Word).

SAMPLE QUOTE BOARD

Source:

Nicholas Carr, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?"

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2008/07/is-google-making-us-stupid/306868/>

Quote Board -- Nicholas Carr "Is Google Making Us Stupid?"

"Over the past few years I've had an uncomfortable sense that someone, or something, has been tinkering with my brain, remapping the neural circuitry, reprogramming the memory" (Carr 1).

"And we still await the long-term neurological and psychological experiments that will provide a definitive picture of how Internet use affects cognition. But a recently published study of online research habits, conducted by scholars from University College London, suggests that we may well be in the midst of a sea change in the way we read and think" (Carr 3).

"Yet, for all that's been written about the Net, there's been little consideration of how, exactly, it's reprogramming us" (Carr 6).

"I can feel it, too. Over the past few years I've had an uncomfortable sense that someone, or something, has been tinkering with my brain, remapping the neural circuitry, reprogramming the memory. My mind isn't going—so far as I can tell—but it's changing. I'm not thinking the way I used to think" (Carr 1).

SAMPLE BODY PARAGRAPH – Built from a Quote Board

[MAKE A CLAIM – TELL US WHAT EVIDENCE IS COMING NEXT!]

In his article, Nicholas Carr argues for a negative effect of the Internet on attention span.

SIGNAL PHRASE

He writes, " Over the past few years I've had an uncomfortable sense that someone, or

something, has been tinkering with my brain, remapping the neural circuitry, reprogramming the

CITE BY AUTHOR'S LAST NAME + PAGE #

[EXPLAIN QUOTE]

memory" (Carr 1). **In this quote**, this means that using the Internet has changed his way of

[MAKE ANOTHER CLAIM – TELL US WHAT'S COMING NEXT!]

reading and thinking. He goes to elaborate that this effect has been observed in others,

even in scientific studies. **He says:**

INDENT BLOCK QUOTES – NO "" – For quotes > 3 lines in your paper when you cut and paste from a source's words

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and think. (Carr 3)

EXPLAIN THE QUOTE – FOR A LONGER QUOTE, YOU'D HAVE MORE EXPLANATION – MAKE CONNECTIONS – 'PROVE' YOUR CLAIM!

In this passage, Carr points to actual psychological studies that point out the damaging effects of

TIE EXPLANATION TO YOUR CLAIM – MANY WRITERS FORGET THIS STEP!

using the Internet on our attention span. **This evidence points out some of the negative**

effects on attention based on Carr's personal experience and even scholarly research.