

INTEGRATE THIS!

In the Modern Language Association (MLA) in-text citation system, you can integrate other sources in one of three moves.



QUOTE DIRECTLY

Excerpt a phrase, sentence, or short passage verbatim from the source.

HOW?

Orwell writes, "If both the past and the external world exist only in the mind, and if the mind itself is controllable-what then?" (Orwell 80).

WHY?

Maybe the author has phrased something in a particularly creative, beautiful, or captivating way. Or maybe there's not really any better way to say the idea.



PARAPHRASE

"Translate" a phrase, sentence, or short passage from the source into your own language.

HOW?

Winston not only fears being alone in his beliefs, but also being wrong (Orwell 80).

WHY?

Maybe you need to get your reader some important information from the source, but you can say it just as well in your own language as the source said it.



SUMMARIZE

Condense the main ideas of a passage or source into a short description using your own language.

HOW?

Winston begins to wonder about his own sanity as the Party continually makes him question his sense of reality (Orwell 80).

WHY?

Maybe you need to give your reader a sense of what an entire passage or source does or says before you can add your interpretation of that source.