3.2 Developing a paragraph with claim and evidence

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KEY WORDS integrate • quotation • signal phrase • dropped quotation • image • self-reliance

Objective

Build the skills to **integrate quotations** smoothly: short, well-chosen words from a text, set inside your own sentences and explained.

You must be able to:

- tell a dropped quotation from an integrated one
- choose the shortest quotation that does the job
- explain a quotation with commentary

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Dropped or integrated?

	example
dropped (weak)	Emerson believes in the self. "Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string."
integrated (strong)	Emerson compares conviction to an "iron string" that every heart "vibrates to," suggesting self-trust is natural and strong.

Three ways to integrate

method	example
a signal phrase	As Emerson insists, "..."
a few words inside your sentence	Emerson mocks "a foolish consistency" as a weakness of "little minds."
a colon after a full sentence	Emerson states his rule plainly: "Trust thyself."

Keep quotations short

Quote the **key words** only. Then explain them: what they mean, and how they serve the writer's purpose. Long quotations leave no room for commentary.

Worked example

Task: integrate "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds."

Answer: Emerson calls blind consistency a "hobgoblin," a childish monster, so readers see the fear of changing one's mind as something small and silly, not wise.

2 Practice

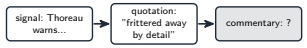
2.1 Identify which version integrates the quotation, and explain why: A "Bacon talks about reading. 'Some books are to be tasted.'" B "Bacon suggests that some books are only to be 'tasted,' sampled rather than studied." [2]



2.2 Explain why short quotations are usually better than long ones in an analysis essay. [3]



2.3 Integrate this quotation into a sentence with commentary: Thoreau wrote, "Our life is frittered away by detail." [3]



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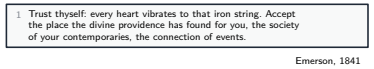
3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Read the passage.

> "Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string. Accept the place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries, the connection of events."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Self-Reliance", 1841

(a) Identify the command Emerson gives. [1]



(b) Explain the effect of the image "that iron string". [1]

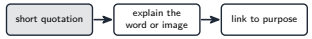
(c) Integrate two words from the passage into a sentence of your own. [1]

3.2 Read the second passage.

> "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Self-Reliance", 1841

Write one paragraph that analyzes how Emerson persuades readers to stop worrying about consistency. Integrate at least two short quotations from the passages in Questions 3.1 and 3.2. [6]



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