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Evidence Strategy:
How to Quote, Paraphrase, + Summarize Evidence

Task: Choose one piece of evidence you wish to use in your argument writing. Then, learn how to quote it, paraphrase it, and summarize it.

Quote It using The Fold In

WAGOLL	"Taylor Swift has been getting increasingly sporty since she started dating Travis Kelce...Then, there was all that talk about potentially getting invested in Formula 1: Per Page Six, she and "the guy on the Chiefs" reportedly had plans to attend this year's Monaco Grand Prix." – Emily Leibert (2024), "Taylor Swift Really Loves Simone Biles's Floor Routine", *The Cut*
The Move	Your Idea + Name the Source + Tidbit of Evidence
Try It	
1. Write your idea without including any evidence. Just get your idea out.	
2. Name your source. (You could use "Per _____" like the WAGOLL.)	

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3. Find just the powerful, precise words from your piece of evidence that supports the idea. Add them in quotation marks.	
4. Put it all together.	

Paraphrase It!

WAGOLL	**Original:** "I wouldn't have felt any type of way. In my two years collecting sneakers I have tried to buy so many sneakers and ended up failing. It's just a part of the sneaker game, you have to learn to accept you won't always be able to purchase what you want." – Interview with sneaker enthusiast Juan Ballesteros (De Los Santos,	**Paraphrase**: "In the end, it might not matter to weathered sneakerheads. The thrill comes from buying the shoe, yes, but it also comes in the chase. As Ballesteros put it, he said even if he'd gone through that trouble to get to Washington Square Park only to find out the shoes had been sold out, … it wouldn't have been all that different than what he's used to." - Brian De Los Santos (2017), "Soul Searching: Inside the Wild World of Nike's High-Tech Scavenger Hunts", *Mashable*

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The Move	Your Idea + Author Name + Phrase of Attribution + Paraphrased Evidence	
Try It		
1. Craft your paraphrase of the evidence you want to include: ● Read the original source, cover it up, and summarize what it says. ● Write an answer to the question "How does this information support my idea?" ● Write an answer to the question, "What unique information or perspective does this source provide?" ● Summarize the original text in half its original length.		
2. Write your own idea without including any evidence. Just get your idea out.		

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3. Name your source. (You could use "As _____ put it..." like the WAGOLL)	
4. Add your paraphrase.	
5. Put it all together.	

Summarize It using Define & Detail

WAGOLL	"The telescope, named for James Webb, the NASA administrator during the buildup to the Apollo moon landings, is a joint project of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency. It was launched on Christmas one year ago – after two trouble-plagued decades and $10 billion – on a mission to observe the universe in wavelengths no human eye can see." – Dennis Overbye (2022), "The Webb Telescope is Just Getting Started," *The New York Times*
The Move	Name the topic + Provide a Definition + Give 2 to 6 Details About the Topic

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Try It	
1. Name your topic and give a brief definition.	
2. Start a second sentence and include 2 to 6 details that make the topic and definition more specific.	
3. Put it all together.	

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