
FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP

1. Find a source that adds to your point. Use the library search function to help.
2. Find a direct quote and introduce it in your paper.
3. Explain what the quote means. Break it down for your audience.
4. Tie it to your point directly.
5. Optional. Take your information from this source and apply it to the main idea of your paper.



DID THIS HELP?

Look for more helpful material in the Writing Center in Thomas room 222. See a Writing Tutor for more direct help, making an appointment through <https://mariettacollege.mywconline.com>

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HOW TO LENGTHEN AND STRENGTHEN



So you have a point and a good paper, but it's not quite long enough or you're told that the points aren't strong enough.



To find a source, visit the library's database and try different combinations of search terms.

Introduce the author or the article or give a brief explanation on why they're qualified to talk about the chosen subject.

Don't just reword the quote, that's plagiarizing. Take the time to explain what the quote is trying to tell the audience.

What does this have to do with the point that you're trying to make? Connect the pieces.

How does this help the main point of the paper? If it can't relate to the big topic, does it actually relate to the smaller point of this paragraph?

SEE IT IN ACTION

An expert in the topic said in their article that “adding more context about the information and explaining it helps with the credibility of the information and the people using it” (Author). Giving more explanation and breaking information down into less technical-talk helps to reaffirm the point and make it easier to understand. By doing this, it also proves that the person using this information actually understands what it means and how to use it. This helps papers as a whole and adds significant length that is more than vague “fluff”.