

## **BLOCK QUOTATIONS**

When quoting a text, sometimes the work necessitates quoting a longer section of text to provide the reader with the right amount of information. It's okay to quote long sections, but different formats have rules about how you should do it.

All of the following formats follow these rules:

- The block quote will be indented ½ inch from the margin.
- The first line will NOT be indented and is not put in quotation marks.
- Begin your quote with an appropriate quotation signal phrase.
  - "... as stated by John's Pizza:"

## MLA

- Your prose quote should be blocked if it is longer than four lines of your page. Standard MLA citation rules apply.

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## APA

- Quotations of longer than forty words in APA should be blocked. This may be shorter than four lines.
- Your reference should be cited one space after the FINAL punctuation mark of the quote. This is different than normal APA citation, which is usually within the punctuation of the sentence

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## Chicago

- Prose quotes should be blocked if it is one hundred words or more or longer than eight lines.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Fun Tip: You may block quote sections shorter than this for emphasis!

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