

### 3) Explain the significance of the quotation.

Once you've inserted your quotation along with its context, you still need to explain to the reader why the quotation is significant to your essay.

**FOR EXAMPLE:** If you were writing an essay on the first one-hundred days of Roosevelt's administration, you might follow a quotation by connecting it to that topic with the following explanation: With that message of hope and confidence, the new president set the stage for his next one-hundred days in office and helped restore the faith of the American people in their government.

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Additional information on integrating quotations within an essay:

- If you are including a quotation of **THREE (3) OR MORE SENTENCES** in length, you need to use a **BLOCK FORMAT**:
  - 1) Set up a block quotation with your own words followed by a colon.
  - 2) Indent the quotation **FIVE (5)** spaces from the margin.
  - 3) Double-space within the block quotation.
  - 4) **DO NOT** use quotation marks at the beginning or end of the block quotation; the indentation itself indicates that it is a quotation.
  - 5) Place the citation in parentheses after the punctuation at the end of the quotation.
- If you are using a **QUOTATION WITHIN A QUOTATION**, use **SINGLE QUOTATION MARKS ( ' ' )** to identify the internal quotation.

**FOR EXAMPLE:** In "The Emperor's New Clothes," Hans Christian Anderson wrote, "'But the Emperor had nothing on at all!' cried a little child."
- Use **SQUARE BRACKETS ([ ])** within a quotation when changing verb tenses or pronouns in order to maintain consistency with the rest of the sentence.

**FOR EXAMPLE:** If you were to quote a woman who commented, "Nobody understood me," you might write: When she came to the United States, Esther Hansen felt that "nobody understood [her]."