

QUOTATION SANDWICH EXERCISE

This exercise is to practice correct use of MLA format in text citations, and also to practice connecting your thoughts to sources, which will help with the flow of your writing, and with transitions.

First, here is an example:

The claim: Too many of us seem ready to place blame in the wrong places for some of our worst social problems.

The quote: Fast-food companies are marketing to children a product with proven health hazards and no warning labels. They would do well to protect themselves, and their customers, by providing the nutrition information people need to make informed choices about their products (Zinczenko 243).

Opinion: I agree that it isn't always the parents fault.

When you combine these into smooth flowing prose, it comes out like this:

In his article, "Don't Blame the Eater," David Zinczenko says that too many of us seem ready to place blame in the wrong places for some of our worst social problems. As he stated, "Fast-food companies are marketing to children a product with proven health hazards and no warning labels. They would do well to protect themselves, and their customers, by providing the nutrition information people need to make informed choices about their products" (Zinczenko 243). I agree that parents aren't necessarily to blame for misinformation by fast food companies.

Works Cited

Zinczenko, David. "Don't Blame the Eater." *New York Times*, 23 Nov. 2002.

Now choose a quotation from your chosen text that supports a claim you might make in your essay.

The claim:

The quote:

Your opinion:

Now use the above elements to form a smooth flowing piece of prose and add a list of Works Cited using the correct MLA format. Copy and paste the quotation sandwich and the Works Cited list into the Discussion Board.

ESTABLISHING WHY ONE'S CLAIM MATTERS

"I'm _____, and this topic matters to me because _____."

Use this sheet. Select one or two you think you'd like to share with your classmates. Enjoy!

"I'm _____, and this topic matters to me because _____."