

## Integrating Sources with Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*

There are two ways to cite sources in your papers:

A **paraphrase** is when you put the author's ideas into your own words.

Ex. *Lord Capulet reminisces about his younger years with his cousin* (1.5.30-35).

A **direct quote** is when you use the author's exact words.

Ex. *Lord Capulet says, "Nay, sit, good cousin Capulet; for you and I are past our dancing days"* (1.5.30-31).

For both methods you can integrate the citation more smoothly if you keep in mind the following pattern:

### **Introduce - Cite - Explain (ICE)**

Ex. Shakespeare uses metaphors in order to create richer comparisons. **(Introduce)** When Montague notices how depressed his son is about Rosaline, he compares Romeo to a bud: **(cite)** "As is the bud bit with an envious worm, ere he can spread his sweet leaves to the air" (1.2.152-153). **(Explain)** This metaphor is more than a straightforward observation because it creates a memorable image for the audience.

Using this method, you transition the reader from your words, to the author's words, and back to your own words again. This helps the reader understand how you're interpreting the material.

Now, practice citing the excerpts below:

1. *The brightness of her cheek would shame those stars*

*As daylight doth a lamp; her eye in heaven*

*Would through the airy region stream so bright*

*That birds would sing and think it were not night.* (2.2.19-22)

**Introduce:** Shakespeare uses a motif of light and dark throughout the play.

**Cite:**

**Explain:**

2. *O Romeo, Romeo*

*Wherefore art thou Romeo?*

*Deny thy father and refuse thy name,*

*Or if thou wilt not, be but sworn my love,*

*And I'll no longer be a Capulet.* (2.2.33-36)

**Introduce:** The idea of family identity is addressed several times throughout the play.

**Cite:**

**Explain:**

Now, analyze each of the following quotes using the ICE method. You can use either a direct quote or paraphrase.

3. Romeo: *O, I am fortune's fool!* (3.1.131)

4. Romeo: *Did my heart love till now? Forswear it, sight!  
For I ne'er saw true beauty till this night.* (1.5.52-53).