**Using Quotes in Essays**

Quote(s) – words from a different source. They can be description from the narrator or actual dialogue (words that a character says).

1. All quotes must have **quotation marks**.

Ex: **“**Five Socs were coming straight at us, and from the way they were staggering I figured they were reeling pickled. That scared me**”**

1. If the quote is actual dialogue, you must use **three quotation marks “ ‘(**the apostrophe key)

Ex: **“‘**I had to. They were drowning you, Pony**”’** (Johnny says this to Ponyboy)

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1. All quotes must have a **page number and a period at the end.**

Ex: “I couldn’t take him hollering at me and hitting me too” **(51).**

1. If you take out any part of a sentence in the quote, you need to use **…** in the place of the missing parts.

Original quote - “‘It ain’t his fault he likes to go to the movies, and it ain’t his fault the Socs like to jump us, and if he had been carrying a blade it would have been a good excuse to cut him to ribbons’” (13).

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