



HOW TO CITE!

The purpose of citing is to bring evidence to support your claims. As such, when you cite you need to incorporate your citation naturally in your text.

Utilize the acronym ECA to cite like a pro!

EXPLAIN

CITE

ARGUE

Before you cite, explain your claim. Lay the foundation for the point you want to make.

Carefully select a quote that supports your claim.

After you cite, explain what the quote is saying and argue how that reinforces your claim.

EXAMPLE



The claim in the paragraph.

Explain Cite Argue



“Rain” by Edward Thomas features rain prominently in its lines allowing the reader to focus on the concept and reflect on its symbolism. Rain represents both desperation and renewal. The opening lines highlight the function of rain as a mirror to the emotions of the poetic voices, “Rain, midnight rain, nothing but the wild rain/On this bleak hut, and solitude, and me”(Thomas, 314). Rain is described as wild and intense; this conjures the image of heavy pelting rain in the dark of night. This imagery of rain as an intense dark force echoes the intensity and desperation felt within the poetic voice.