

Integrating quotes: Annoying ways people use sources

Floating quotes:

Dropping in a quotation without introducing it first.

Problem:

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Solution:

We should all be prepared with a backup plan if a zombie invasion occurs. Max Brooks suggests, “It would be a good time to stock up on locks (155).

The Spider-Man Problem:

Starting with a quote: It drops into the scene, but then the idea is gone just as fast.

Problem:

“Unlike its human counterparts, an army of zombies is completely independent of support” (Brooks 155). Consider the following scenario. . .

Solution:

Brooks observes that “unlike its human counterparts, an army of zombies is completely independent of support.” Consider the following scenario...

Encyclopedia of Useless Information:

Using too many quotations in a row.

Problem:

Addressing this issue, Brooks comments, “Unlike its human counterparts, an army of zombies is completely independent of support” (155) Of course, this view is contested by others: “Soon, humans began to perceive the advantages of using their own resources” (200). Interestingly, “The zombies were finally defeated.” (201).

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I Can't Find the Stupid Link:

No connection between the parenthetical citation and the listing in the bibliography.

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Quote in the essay:

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In the Work Cited:

“The Zombie Survival Guide: Complete Protection from the Living Dead.” E-how. n.p. 10 April, 2005. Web. <www.zombie.com>. 5 September 2012.

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